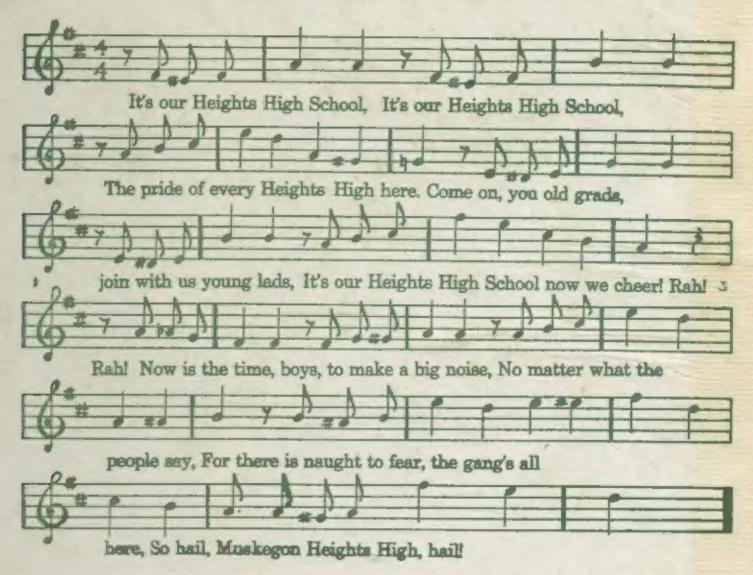




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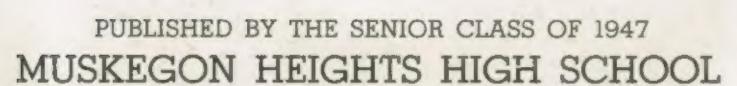
### SCHOOL SPIRIT

School spirit! How much those words mean to all of us . . . especially to us who are graduating with the Class of '47. Those two words are symbols for an idea, the Muskegon Heights High school idea . . . the spirit that carries us through.

It isn't a spirit confined to the cheering section alone. It is an idea that pervades all of our endeavors. It is the soul, the life of our school. We feel it in the strains of martial music of the band, vibrating in the memory. We sense it in the methods and manners of our instructors. We hear it in the sweet, strong voices of the a cappella choir. It is with us always in the warmth and loyalty of our friends and classmates.

So we leave you now to thumb through the pages of the 1947 Oaks in company with our little Tiger mascot, "Sroines". He will help you to understand just what we mean.





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# DEDICATION

We of the 1947 Graduating Class dedicate this volume of The Oaks to Mr. Roy A. Peterman, head of the commercial department for the last 26 years and one of the most loyal and hard-working subscription advisors The Oaks staff could ever hope to have.

Mr. Peterman came to our school when the doors opened for the first time in the fall of 1921. He has been associated with the annual ever since. He was instrumental in publishing the first Oaks, in June, 1922. He has always had his heart in our Oaks which, he says, "is the only written evidence of the best years of our lives."

Born in Greenville, May 14, 1891, he was graduated from Crystal High school in 1909, attended Alma college, and received a diploma from Ferris institute in 1912. He holds both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree. His teaching experience includes one year of college teaching in Oklahoma State, and 33 years of high school teaching, 26 years of which have been spent here at Muskegon Heights High school.

Added to his fine contribution in teaching commercial subjects, Mr. Peterman has been one of our most active faculty members. In past years his Commercial club was the school's largest and most active club. During the War Years he was faculty chairman of the War Bond drive. He has sold football tickets for 25 years, never having seen a Tiger game on Phillips field until the fall of 1946 when he sat in the stands for the first time.

That is why we dedicate this annual to Mr. Peterman and say, "Good-by, Mr. Peterman, and thanks for all you have done. Best of luck!"



# IN MEMORIAM



# MR. GAYLE A. CHURCHILL

(Excerpts from the eulogy delivered by Mr. E. W. Gillaspy at the memorial service held in the high school.)

"Music, when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory."

. Certain words loom up as most typical of Mr. Churchill's life, and one of these is "faith" . . . he had faith in himself, faith in you students . . . O, how many times was this faith shown! Only the greatest of all music became the basic songs of the choir . . . music of faith, music of God. He had faith in his band. Even when ill, he remarked, "They'll work harder and do better than if I were there!"

important quality of winning friends. Lastly, he was an artist, a man of great talent in music.

We are saddened today by God's will that he shall raise the baton no more in our high school; yet here, today, Gayle Churchill hands to you the baton of faith, ambition, friendship, and, above all, a sense of good music. Be yours to hold it high!



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MR. W. R. BOOKER

Mr. W. R. Booker is one of the key-men who have made so many of our objectives possible. Few of us realize what a tremendous task it is to be superintendent of schools. Trying to move ahead with the times, yet trying to do what is best for everyone . . . that is a task virtually impossible, yet one which men like Mr. Booker must attempt. In doing so, he has won the sincere appreciation and respect of the students, faculty, and townspeople.

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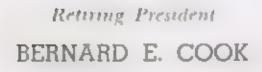
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Mr. C. F. Bolt

An Active Leader is just one of the many epithets of which Mr. C. F. Bolt, our friend and principal, is most deserving. Guiding the students along the pathway of knowledge, showing them right from wrong, being a good leader and a friend . . . these are just a few of the services Mr. Bolt renders to us and to the community.

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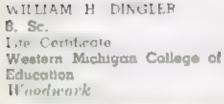


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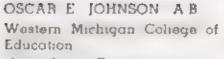


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A friendly boy with many friends.

Varsity Football 4: Reserve Football 2, 3: Reserve Basketball 1, 2: Baseball 2, 3, 4: All State Football 4: Hi Y 1, 2, 3, 4: Class Vice-President 1, 3: Class Treasurer 2: Student Council Vice-President 1, 4: Student Council Member 2: Hi Y Treasurer 3.

# Warren E. Appel, General

I feel relieved at last, for my work days are past. Band 2, 3.

## Earl Robert Beam Jr., College

Good natured, and to all a good friend.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Sentor Play 4; Class Vice-President 2.

## Richard Harold Beckeman, General

I'm a quiet fellow, sometimes.

# Gene Warren Bergklint, College

A man who is not ready for fun is not human.

Variety Basketball 3; Reserve Basketball 1, 2; Science Club 4.

### Kenneth Besaw, General

Men of few words are often the best men.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2, 3,

# Douglas John Beth, General Variety is the very spice of life.

# Patricia Ruth Bilka, College

Truly an athletic girl.

Intromural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; M.H. Winner; Camera Club 4; Advertising Staff 4.





# SENIORS

# Robert Donald Blackmer, College

Why hurry, my day will come!

Varsity Footial 3, 4; Reserve Football 1, 2; Council Member 2.

Delores Dean Bleich, College

Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King. Gee Club 1. 2: I encie 3: Oratory 2. 4: Senior Play 4: Library Club 2: Girl Reserve 1. 2. 3. 4: President 1. 3: Treasurer 4: Spanish Club 3. 4: Science 4: Junior Arbor Girl 3: Acorn Editor 4: Oaks Editor 4: Student Council Member 1. 2. 3: Red Cross President 1

### June Marie Bluhm, General

Sometimes glad, sometimes sad, sometimes mischievous, but never bad.

Glee Club 1, 2; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4.

# Robert Louis Bodnar, College

Stient folks are more efficient

Reserve Football 2; Track 4; Baseball 2

# Beverly Ann Bohland, General

Her friends are many,

her foes, are there any?

Cheer Leader 2: Acom Statt 4: Oaks Statt 4

### John Michael Bollenbach, General

Hways a friend to those who know him.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2

# Jeanne Dorleen Booker, College

I live wire never gets stepped on.

Debate 3: Oratory 2: Declamation 3, 4: Junior Play 3: Senior Play 4: Dramatics Club 3: Junior Arbor Girl 3: Associate Editor Acom 4: Associate Editor Oaks 4: Exchange Assembly 4: W.K.B.Z. School News 4: A Cappella Choir 4: Concerts 4

## William E. Brown, General

Every man makes his own fortune.

Spanish Club 3; Science Club 4

Gene Henry Brusky, General That what he will, he does,

Duane J. Buchan, General
I lad who will make the most of his opportunities.
Reserve Basketball 2: Track 3, 4

Gladys Irene Buit, Commercial A girl with a manner all her own.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4: Concerts 2: Girl Reserve 1

Elaine Marie Burmeister, General How rare, how precious is frivolity

Merlin Ernest Bush, College
Give me a hand that is honest and hearty.

Varsity Basketball 2; Baseball 2, 3; Intramural Sports 1.

Richard Edmund Carlson, General He has done the work of a true man.

Michael Owen Carpenter, College Why aren't they all contented like me.
Varsity Basketball 3; Reserve Basketball 2.

Margaret Frances Cato, General

1 merry heart maketh a happy countenance.

Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Transferred from Chadsey High
School, Detroit; Paper Staff; Pilot Club; Advertising Staff 4.





# SEVIORS

Robert Carl Cato, General

He'll always have friends wherever he goes.
Junior Play 3; Varsity Basketball 3; Transferred from Ohio.

Joyce Elaine Colburn, College

She makes friends by being one.

Intramural Sports 3, 4; Orchestra 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Girl Reserve 3, 4; Secretary 4; Science 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Class Secretary 4; Transferred from Fruitport High School

James Wigham Collier, College Quiet and unassuming, yet ever loyal.

John Collinge, General

1 plucky man is usually a lucky man

Gloria Fay Cox, General

Good nature radiates from her every smile.

Acom Statt 4: Oaks Statt 4.

Thomas Lee Culver, College His way is a cheery one.

Beserve Football 2: Track 2: Tennis 3

Robert Clarence Deimel, College The type that sticks till the end

Kayle DePoy, College
What would life be without his clarinet?
Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Track 2, 3; Intramural Sports 1; Orchestra 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concerts 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3.

Russell DeYoung, Jr., College His friendship is true

Bette Beth Dickinson, General Her eyes are homes of silent prayer.

Lenore Angeline Diepen, Commercial

She can mix wisdom with pleasure and profit from

both

Glee Club 1: Booster Club 3, 4: Junior Arbor Gul 3; Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4.

Norman Frederick Dietz, General I've taken my life where I've found it.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Chair 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4

# Gwendolyn Ruth Dixon, Commercial

Gentle and sweet to all who see her Glee Club 1: Oaks Subscription Manager

Mary Ellyn Dobb, College 4 jolly girl, chuck full of fun, she's always nice to everyone.

Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4; President 3; French Club 3, 4; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; MH Winner; Advertising Staff 4; Camera Club 4; Tennis 3; Vice President Library Club 4

Lois Elaine Dodds, General

I just can't make my eyes behave.

Glee Club 1: Girl Reserve 2

Beety Lou Doenges, College

Let no grass grow under your feet.

Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Dramatics Club 3; Girl Reserve 3; French Club 3





# SELIORS

Frieda Mae Doll, Commercial

Whatever else your are in life, be agreeable like "I". Glee Club 1, 2; Concerts 2; Camera Club 3.

John Anthoney Dudzik, College What should a man do but be merry?

Variety Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Track 2.

# Betty Ann Durand, General

Sincerity counts in this world.

Glee Club 3; Art Club 2; Science Club 3; Transferred from North Muskegon.

Donna Catherine Dyer, College

In those bland curly locks, ten million cupids play.
Library Club 2: French Club 4: Lann Guild 1: Usher's Club 1:
Noon Club 1: Transferred from Midland

# John Roland Eberly, College

1 man of deeds, not words

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2; Junior Play 3.

# Stanley Russell Elliott, College

The world belongs to the energetic.

Varaity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 3; Varaity Basketball 3, 4; Reserve Basketball 2; Baseball 2; Intramural Sports 1; Hi-Y 1.

## Janice Arlene Emmons, Commercial

Her hair is not more sunny than her heart.

Majorette 3, 4; Girl Reserve 1, 2, 3

# Edsel Lee Erickson, College

I man among men but mostly among women.

Variety Football 3; Reserve Football 2; Senior Play 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Cheer Leader 4

Marlowe O. Erickson, College By the work one knows the workman Tennus 3, 4

Leola Mae Ferris, Commercial Short, but oh! how sweet

# Margaret Forrest, General She walks with appartunity.

Junior Arbor Girl 3

Neil J. Frick, College

As a boy who wants to get ahead, few are his equal.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Varsity Basketball 1,
3, 4; Reserve Basketball 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Athletic Board 3,
HeY 2; Class President 1, 2, 4; Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Student Council President 1, 3; Vice President 3.

# William James Galarneau, General is fond of sports as any fellow.

Patricia Lou Gardner, Commercial

The mildest manners with the bravest minds.

Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 1, 2, 4; Class Secretary 1.

# Joanne Fairchild Garland, College

If I cannot find a way, I'll make one.

Glee Club 1.2; Oratory 2; Declamation 3; Library Club 2; Vice President 2; French Club 3, 4; President 4.

# Lois Lorraine Gathard, General

She has a winning way.

Intramural Sports 1: A Cappella Choir 4: Dramatics Club 3. Acorn Stail 4: Oaks Stail 4: Junior Play Committee 3: Senior Play Committee 4.





# SENIORS

Albert L. Gebolys, General I'll do it my way, you do it yours
Reserve Football 2: Hi Y 1.

John Buell Gill, General
There's more in me than you understand.

Dorothy H. Gleisner., College-Commercial She speaks words of wisdom

Debate 3, 4; Declaration 2; Extemporaneous 3; Oratory 4; Booster Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Student Council 4

John Martin Glomb, General
His qualities are such that we can only speak of good
of him

Clifford Eugene Goericke, General My mind to me a kingdom is. Reserve Basketball 3: Track 2, 3, 4: Junior Play 3

Lila Goodrich, Commercial Little said is soonest mended.

Robert Paul Gould, General Life is never dull.

Delores Virginia Goulet, Commercial Silent folks are more efficient.

Glee Club 2: A Cappella Choir 3, 4: Concerts 3, 4.

# Robert W. Graff, College

The way to have a friend is to be one.

Varsity Football 4; Reserve Football 2; Tennis 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Sqt-at-arms 4

# Everett John Grandelius, Jr., College

A fiery sportsman with a great big smile.

Varsity Football 3, 4: Reserve Football 1, 2: Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Reserve Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intramural Sports 1; All-state Football 3, 4; All Conference 4; Senior Play 4; Hi-Y 1, 2; Science Club 4; Class Sgt-at-arms 3; Student Council President 1, 4; Inter school Council President 1

# Kenneth LaVerne Graves, College

Here's a lad game for everything.

Varsity Football 3, 4: Reserve Football 1, 2

# Robert George Gust, General Your life is what you make it

# Norma Jean Guthrie, General

Character and charm combined

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Concerts 1, 2; Art Club 4

### Patricia Collier Hansen, College

I'll make me famous by my art French Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 4

Patricia Ann Hatfield, General

Her red hair is but one of her attractions.

Jerrold Wilbur Heaton, College

I contented fellow and easy to get along with.

Varsity Football 4; Reserve Football 3; Varsity Basketball 3; Reserve Basketball 2: Track 3: Junior Play 3: Senior Play 4: Hi-Y 2, 3, 4,





# SELLIORS

# Marion Delores Hinchman, College

1 cheerful friend is like a sunny day.

Orchestra 1; Band 2, 3; Girl Reserve 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Student Council Member 1.

# Dianne Elaine Hislop, General

We wouldn't recognize her without her smile.

Glee Club 2: A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4: Concerts 2, 3, 4: Girl Reserve 1: Booster Club 3: Student Council Member 3.

### Helen Matilda Hiza, General

She is one of the quiet kind, but a better girl is hard to find. Glee Club 1, 2; Spanish Club 4; Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4.

John Michael Hornyak, Commercial Why hurrest My day will come.

Orchestra 2

# Don L. R. Hotelling, College

1 swell person to know.

Baseball 4

### James Howell, General

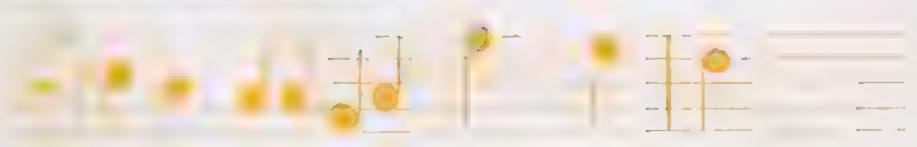
In athlete and a mighty one, who plays until the game is won

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Reserve Basketball 2; Track 2; All state Football 3, 4; Class Secretary 2

Marian Violet Hudson, General You'll know her by her quiet nature.

Patricia Joyce Humphreys, General

She's all a girl should be, and more. Student Council 4: Oaks Advertising Staff 4.



Theresa Rose Javinsky, General
The thorough lady is the successful one
A Cappella Choir 3, 4: Concerts 3, 4

Phyllis Mae Jenkins, General I gentle voice is always admired Gill Reserve 2, 4

# Yvonne Hildur Jensen, College

"She's quiet, she's clever, she's the top, She's dainty and charming-where shall we stop!"

Glee Club 1, 2: Oratory 2; Library Club Officer 2, 3; Girl Reserve 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Science Club 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Junior Play Committee 3; Senior Play Committee 4; Girl Scouts 1; Dramatics Club 1

# Marion Lee Jones, General

She preferred to be good rather than seem so

# Elizabeth Jean Judd, General She that has patience may compass anything

Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4.

Elizabeth Ann Keller, General

# Dean Robert Kessler, College

Let your work speak for itself.

Track 3: Band 2: A Cappella Chair 2, 3, 4: Debate 4: Oratory 3, 4: Declamation 2: Science Club 4.

## Richard Klimo, General

He who hath opened the door,

Reserve Basketball 1, 2; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4 A Cappella Choir 4; Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4.







# SELIORS

James Bernard Knight, General Do well and right, let the "world" sink.
Track 2.

Beverly Jeanne Koch, General
She's all my fancy painted her; she's lovely, she's

Intramural Sports 1; Glee Club 1; Junior Play 3; Library Club 1; Girl Reserve 1; Spanish Club 4; Class Treasurer 2; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Council Member 1.

# Joanne Virginia Kohlbeck, College

Time goes steady, and so do I.

Camera Club 3; Library Club 1; Booster Club Vice-President 3, 4; Spanish Club President 3; Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; MH Winner; WKBZ Broadcaster; Advertising Staff 4.

# Barbara Jean Koteles, College

Her manner is as winning as her smile.

Intramusal Sports 1: Glee Club 1: Senior Play 4: Library Club 1: Girl Reserve 1: Spanish Club 4: Student Council Secretary 1: Council Member 1. 4

# Jean Carroll Kuerth, College

She does all things well.

Spanish Club 3

# Alan David Kushner, College

A little nonesense now and then, is relished by the best of men.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Reserve Basketball 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Semor Play 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Oaks Staff 2, 3, 4

# Glenna Eileen Lake, General

A quiet little maid with a quiet little way.

Senior Play Committee 4; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Style Show 2.

# James Thomas Langius, General

He masters all he undertake.

Camera Club 3; Art Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; French Club 4; Cheer Leader 1, 2; Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Sgt-at-arms and Council Member 2; Exchange Assembly 4; Transferred from Grand Rapids South; Advertising Staff 4; Subscription Staff Captain 4.

Gerald Eugene Langlois, General
He and gloom are no relation.
Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Track 2, 3.

Janet Marie Laughlin, General Her ways are ways of pleasantness.

# Barbara Lee Lawson, College

Ever laughing, talking, smiling.

Girl Reserve 1: Spanish Club 3, 4: Science Club 4: Junior Arbor
Girl 3

Betty Ellen Lee, General

A pleasant girl with a pleasant smile.

Glee Club 1.

# Louise Marie Lee, General With a quiet, modest disposition.

Glee Club 2; A Cappella Chair 4; Booster Club 3, 4.

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Phyllis Loreen Leigh, College
A girl who knows there is a way and finds it.
Acom Statt 4; Oaks Statt 4; Advertising Statt 4.

Edward Archie Lenoir, College Success is the fruit of the tree they call work.

Track 3.

Elinor L. LeRoux, College Where there is a will there is a way.

Camera Club 4: Labrary Club 1, 4: Advertising Staff 4: French Club 3, 4: Junior Arbor Girl 3.





# SINIORS

# Paul Clement Linnell, General

Not that I love study less, but that I love fun more.
Reserve Basketball 1. 2

# Glenna Elaine Looyengoed, Commercial

The greatest genius aften lies in obscurity.

Camera Club 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Acorn Staff 4: Oaks Staff
4; Advertising Staff 4; Junior Play Committee 3; Senior Play Committee 4.

# Shirley Lois Lund, College

She that loves and laughs must sure do well.

Band 1, 2, 3; Concerts 1, 2, 3; Declamation 2; Camera Club 3.

Science Club 4

# Edward Raymond Macheta, General

I good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4: Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4

# Kathryn M. Magdic, General

I chic, sweet maiden, with a wit as keen as a blade.

# Robert Charles Martin, College

His mind his kingdom, and his will his power.

Track 2. 3. 4: Band 1: Concerts 1.

### Barbara Dorothea Mattson, Commercial

I merry heart doeth good like medicine.

Library 1; Girl Reserve 3; Sgt-at-arms 3

### June Charlene Maycroft, General

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.

Intramural Sports 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; Oratory 2, Declamation 3; Junior Play 2; Booster Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; MH Winner.

Joan M. McConnell, General

She's the type of girl we'd like to have more of.

Spanish 4: Sqt-at-arms 4: Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Council
2, 3, 4: WKBZ News Reporter 4

Roy McCrea, Jr., General

To worry about the future is to be unhappy today

Marcella Jean McGonigle, College

Girl Reserve 3, 4; Science 4: Junior Arbor Girl 3
The word "impossible" is not in my dictionary.

James Bell McKay, General

Contentment is natural wealth

Raymond Kenneth McLean, General

1 blush is beautiful but often inconvenient

Vareity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Vareity Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; All-state Football Third Team 4; All Conference 3, 4

Jean Marilyn Miles, College

I smile for all, a welcome glad, a genial, coaxing way she had

Glee Club 1; Concerts 1; Oratory 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Dramatics Club 1; Library Club 1; Girl Reserve 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3, 4; Science Club 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Class President 1.

Hubert Allen Miller, College

1 good friend, both staunch and true; a good sport when fun's in view.

Baseball 3, 4.

Doris Maxine Milner, General

She does all things well.









#### Luella Ann Mohring, General

Cheerfulness is the soul sunshine.

Spanish Club 4: Acorn Staif 4: Oaks Staff 4.

#### Robert W. Moulton, College

The world's greatest men have not commonly been great scholars.

Acorn Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: A Cappella Choir 4.

#### Shirlie E. Musk, Commercial

A ray of sunshine in someone's heart. Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Style Show 2

#### Helen Marie Myers, College

The smile which has won a thousand hearts.

Glee Club 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 4; Concerts 1, 2, 4; Girl Re serve 3. 4: Junior Usher 3; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Junior Play Committee 3; Senior Play Committee 4

#### Edward J. Nelson, General

A friend to one, a friend to all, and a conscientious worker.

#### Gladys Joan Nelson, General

Always willing to lend a helping hand.

Translerred from Fruitport

#### John Martin Neuhaus, General I want what I want when I want it.

James B. Norris, College

Now for fame and the world is mine.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 1, 2; Reserve Basketball 1, 2; Track 2, 3; Intramural Sports 1; Senior Play 4; Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4: Science Club 4: Class President 3; Class Vice President 4, Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Sudent Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y Vice-President 1; Hi-Y President 3; Oaks Advertising 4.

Donna Maureen Norton, General
Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.

Betty Jean Nuttall, Commercial I may be small but I always have my say. Gies Club 1; Junior Arbor Gut 3.

#### Carl E. Olson, College

Steadfast labor has its own reward.
Baseball 3, 4.

#### Theresa Helen Ostradick, Commercial

Good manners and soft words have brought many a different thing to pass.

Glee Club 1: Junior Arbor Girl 3.

Lois Elaine Parker, Commercial

Duty be thy polar guide, do thy right, what'er betide.

Band 2. 3. 4: Giee Club 1: Concerts 2.

Marva Jeanne Parker, General Cautious, true, and a loving friend.

Ruth Louise Parmenter, College

Stately and tall, she moves in the hall; the chief of a thousand for grace.

A Cappella Choir 4; Declamation 2; Senior Play 4.

Rosemary Pehr, College

It's nice to be natural, when you are naturally nice.
Glee Club 1, 2; French Club 3; Science Club 4; Acorn Stati 4;
Oaks Stati 4; Senior Play Committee 4; Junior Play Committee 3.





## SELIDIES

Charlotte Anne Porter, College

Though demure, we think perchance mischief lurks within her glance

A Cappella Chair 2, 3, 4; Majorette 3, 4; Concerts 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Dramatics Club 3; Girl Reserve 1, 2; Junior Arbor Girl 3; Class Secretary 3

Nancy May Premo, College

The thing that goes farthest toward making life worth while.

That costs the lest and does the most, is just a pleasant smile

Glee Club 1: Declamation 3: Junior Play 3: Senior Play 4: Dramatics Club 3: Library 1: Girl Reserve 2, 3, 4: Secretary 3: President 4: Spanish Club 3,4: Treasurer 3: Junior Arbor Girl 3: Class Treasurer 4

Delores Annette Privasky, General

Bright as the sun her eyes the gazes strike, like the sun, they shine on all alike Glee Club 2: Gul Reserve 1

Lawrence Henry Radke, General

If she slights me when I woo.

I can scorn and let her ... Intramural Sports 1; Cheer Leader 4

John Henry Rams, College
If silence were golden, I'd be a millionaire.

Charles Harold Reinerston, College

My tongue within my lips I rein, for who talks much, talks in vain.

Intramural Sports 1; Camera Club 4: Hi-Y 1

Robert Francis Ribesky, General

Pet him lady, he won't bite.

Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Varsity Basketball 3, 4; Reserve Basketball 2, Track 3; Band 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir President 4; Concerts 2, 3, 4; H.Y 3, 4; Vice-President 4.

Mary Emma Richards, General

Those who know her always like her,

#### Beverly Jane Ruiter, General

Never say more than is necessary.

Intramural Sports 2, 3; Glee Club 4; Acom Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4.

#### Douglas Ivan Ruud, General

He only is a well made man who has a good deter-

Band 2, 3, 4: Concerts 2, 3, 4,

#### Francis Junior Ruud, General

That I'm a man I'd have you know, though I have some space to grow.

Track 1

Marian Lucille Sangster, General

Grace was in all her steps, heaven in her eyes,

#### Margaret Ida Sauders, General

The boss's knee is not my plea, but I'm going to be a secretary.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concerts 2, 3; Camera Club 3, 4; Library Club 1, Secretary 1; Class Secretary 1

#### Gloria Jean B. Scales, College

Let all things be done decently and in order.

Otchestra 1, 2, 3, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2; Declaration 3; Junior Play 3; Girl Reserve 1, 2; Junior Arbor Girl 3

Arlene Louise Ruth Schamber, General I live and die to serve my friends.

Gladys Betty Scheel, College Her ways are those of pleasantness







Nancy Carol Scheel, General Good nature wins the heart.

Kathryn Jane Scholtens, General A willing determined worker.
Glee Club 2: Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4.

Robert George Scholtens, College
1 good student and a good companion.
Reserve Football 2: Junior Play 3: Senior Play 4: Hi-Y 3. 4.

Sweet and gentle, charm has she.

President Art Club 4

Shirley May Sekeres, General
I royal companion and an excellent friend.
Orchestra 1, 2: Glee Club 1, 3, 4: A Cappella Choir 2, 3, 4: Concerts 2, 3, 4

Alice Mae Sell, College
1 comrade blithe and full of glee,
who cares to laugh out loud and free.
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; A Cappella Choir 4; Concerts 1, 2, 4.

Ralph M. Shepard, College and certainly he was a good fellow.

Debate 4: Camera Club 4: Hi-Y 1

Chester Elliot Skiles, Jr., General Not quantity, but quality.

David Edward Skiles, College Quiet and reserved.

Beverly Ann Skok, College
Kind-hearted, sunny natured people are far more
needed in this world than those of exalted deeds.
Gioo Club 1, 2; Acom Statt 4; Oaks Statt 4

Aileen Sally Smith, General
The eyes have one language everywhere.
Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Girl Reserve 1.

Beverly Jean Smith, General
A good disposition is more valubale than gold.
Glee Club 1: Junior Play 3: Dramatics Club 3: Girl Reserve 2:
Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4

Marian Eleanor Smith, Commercial
True to her word, her work, her friends.
Library Club 3, 4; Boonter Club 4; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4;
Junior Play Committee 3; Senior Play Committee 4.

Maxine Frances Smith, General To disappoint myself, it is impossible!

Robert William Smith, College A gentleman and a scholar.

Jack Edwin Sovacool, General In all respects, a good fellow.





# SEVIORS

Esther MaeBelle Sponaas, Commercial I do assure you that I will that which I will. Majorette 3, 4; Library Club 1, 2; Cheer Leader 1, 2,

James Edward Stamper, General Good nature is a powerful magnet

#### Marilyn June Start, Commercial

The guide of life is common sense. Glee Club 1, 2; A Cappella Chair 2, 3, 4; Concerts 1, 2, 3, 4; Booster Club 3, 4

Alice L. St. Charles, College I thought all for the best. Glee Club I

Ruth Ann Strand, College

Golden is her hair, Golden is her heart. as a true worker, she always does her part.

Tennis 3: Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4: A Cappella Choir 4: Senior Play 4: Girl Reserve 1, 3: French Club 3, 4: Junior Unber 3: Acorn Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Council Member 3, 4: Advertising Staff 4: WKBZ. Broadcaster

Betty June Stratton, General Friends know she has a mind.

lively and ardent, frank and kind

Lyle Gene Stratton, General Your life is what you make it

Marylyn Elouise Swift, College A light heart lives long.

Concerts 2: Spanish Club 3, 4; Acorn Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Gul's Athletic Association 2, 3; Conservation Club 2, 3; Transferred from Muskegon.

#### Marianne Rose Takats, College

If only I had time for things that matter.

Glee Club 1, 2; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Dramatics Club 3; Acorn Staff 4: Exchange Assembly 4.

# Constance Arlene Taylor, General A lough will chose away the blues.

# Laverne Ter Haar, College Obliging to everyone, yet reserved to all.

#### Bernard J. Timmer, General

His height stupendous, his way never friendless.

Variety Faotball 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Variety Basketball 3. 4; Roserve Basketball 2: Intramural Sports 1.

#### Shirley Janice Tinkham, General

fir and manner are more impressive than words.

Gloo Club 2, 3; Junior Play 3; Dramatics Club 3; Girls Athletic
Association 2, 3; Pap Club 1, 2, 3; Home Economics Club 2;
Transferred from Hamilton High school.

#### Margaret Jeanne Turner, General

Her dark brown eyes smiled constantly, as if they had won the secret of a happy dream.

Glee Club 2: Library Club Treasurer 4: Girl Reserve 4: Acorn Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4: Senior Play Committee 4

#### William Earl Turrell, College

It is the mind that makes the man: I think, therefore,

Tennis 3; Band 1, 2; A Cappella Choir 4; Concerts 1.

#### Kathryn L. Valencourt, College

A steady worker, a quiet one, sticking to work that must be done.

Band 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 4; Junior Arbor Girl 3.







We grant, although she has much wit, she's very shy of using it. Acom Staff 4: Oaks Staff 4; MH Winner.

#### Henrietta Vanderstelt, General

Mine's not an idle cause



Glee Club 3; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Advertising Staff 4.

#### Norma Jean VanderVelde, General

Her laughter is like a rippling stream. Glee Club 1, 2.

#### Bonnie Mae Vanderwest, Commercial

A cheering friend, a willing worker, a joy forever. Student Council Member 3: Style Show 1, 2,



#### Beverly Jean Vargo, Commercial

She is one of the quiet kind, but a better girl is hard to find. Glee Club 1, 2,

#### Charles Lesley Votaw, College

Be the labor great or small, he does it well or not at all. Varsity Football 3; Reserve Football 2; Tennis 2, 3, 4; Oratory 3, 4; Deciamation 2; Camera Club 3, 4; President, 4; Science



#### William Frederick Wansten, College A man is but what he knoweth. Varsity Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Baseball 2, 4. Florette Glenna Whelpley, College In friendship I was early taught to believe. Band 4; Girl Reserve 2; Girl Scoute 1, 2; Art Club 2, 3,

Tennie Lee Williams, General Not much talk, a great sweet silence

Lea Hene Wilson, General

Man has his will, but women have their way.

Band 1, 2, 3; A Cappella Choir 3, 4; Concerts 3, 4

Harlow Curtis Winteringham, General
The world knows nothing of its greatest men.
Reserve Football 2: Baseball 2, 3: Band 1, 2, 3, 4: Navy Veteran

Beverly Jean Wood, College Cheerfulness is an off shot of goodness and wisdom.

Doris Elaine Wood, General
Speech is silver, but silence is golden
Oaks Staff 4: Acom Staff 4

Gloria Jean Wood, General
Don't take life so seriously; you can never get out of
it alive.

Glee Club 2, 3; Acorn Staff 4; Oaks Staff 4; Advertising Staff 4.

Ruth Alice Woodruff, General the does her part with a willing heart.

John E. Workman, College
Ill great men are dying, and I feel sick myself.
Basketball 3: Reserve Basketball 2: Hi Y 2, 3, 4.





# SEVIORS

Donna Jean Zachariason, Commercial

Here is a girl with a heart and a smile, who makes the bubble of life worth while.

Glee Club 1: A Cappella Chair 3, 4: Concerts 1, 3, 4: Library 1: Girl Reserve 1: Booster Club 3: Intramural Sports 1: Junior Play Committee 3: Senior Play Committee 4: Dramatics Club 1.

Ronald August Zoratti, General

School! I suppose it's a necessary evil
Varuty Football 3, 4; Reserve Football 2; Track 2, 3, 4.

Herbert Lee Zuidema, General Winds may come and winds may go, but I'll blow on torever

P. Joyce Thoma, College
Few things are impossible to diligence and skill,
Library Club 3.

Edward Joseph Aamodt, College Upon his brow, Nature has written "a gentleman." Rolla Andrew Bailey Jr., College The world knows nothing of its greatest men. Harry Orson Bechtel, General Happy am I, from care I'm free A Cappella Chor 4; Concerta 4; Acorn Staff 4 Oaks Staff 4 Frederick Talbot Bowen Never worry today if you can put it off until tomorrow. William Charles Bullis, General Give him a camera and he'll click anywhere Loyal Maynard Cobb, General No one delights in a sorrowful man James Bernard Cook, General Always ready for study or fun-Clark H. Coon, College Too much rest is rust. James Norman Duvall, General He is a lad game for everything Jean Ruth Eklund, General A twinkle in her eye, bespeaks a fun loving soul Acorn Stall 4; Oaks Stall 4 Raymond O. Frens, College A man of few words.

Delores Irene Hagen, General

A lady, straight forward and polite.

Frank Erwin Harrison, General The future holds no anxiety for me. Robert Gene Hepburn, General Speak little; do much. Richard C. Hubbell, College My tongue within my lips I rein, for he who talks must talk in vain John James Jurkas, General Heros are made, not born. Walter Louis Lysiak, General Why hurry! My day will come Walter Joseph Manguem, General Little I ask, my wants are few. Edward Mezynski, College If you need any help, ask him. Thomas Edward Muriset, General He'll always have friends wherever he goes. Robert Arthur Ray, General Getting some fun out of life. Stanley C. Rinehart, General There's a gleam of mischief in his eyes. Stanley Almond Whitlow, College Did someone say-study? Billy Raymond Wood, General Wouldn't it be dull without him?

# Looking Back Over The Trail

As we, the Graduating Class of 1947, look back over the three years spent at Muskegon Heights High School, we remember the many good times we've

had and lifelong friendships begun.

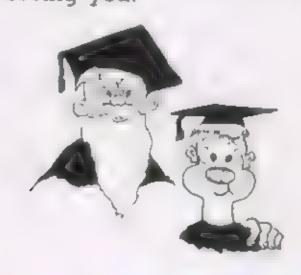
In our sophomore year we began with a mixer. We had a good time at three dances we sponsored. We nearly won the Victory Bond contest, but at the last minute the seniors took the lead and we came in second. We got acquainted with the mid-year sophs at a reception we arranged for them. Neil Frick and Marva Fredricks were our presidents, each serving one semester—good ones they were too!

In our junior year we won the Victory Bond contest. "Cash and Carrie," our junior play was a great success. We sponsored two other dances during the year. Headed by Jim Norris, we did ourselves up fine

in sponsoring the "Senior Serenade".

Our senior year was the best of all. At last we reached that venerable position. We were surely proud when our team won the championship. Our senior play, "Come Over To Our House", was a hit in spite of the big snow storm. We dedicated our annual to Mr. R. A. Peterman who has worked diligently for the success of our Oaks since 1921. The weeks flew by, and then that important week arrived: Baccalaureate came first; then our Class Breakfast. We surely had the underclassmen roaring on Class Day. Finally came that all important night, Graduation

Our knees fairly shook as we marched up for our diplomas. Now we are out on the broad highway. So long! Be seeing you!



# The Upper Third

Dolores Bleich
Margaret Forrest
Marcella McGonigle
Kathryn Valencourt
Charles Votaw

Joyce Colburn

Dorothy Gleisner

Marion Hinchman

Charles Reinertson

Marlowe Erickson

Nancy Premo

Gloria Jean Scales

Charlotte Porter

Glenna Looyengoed

Lenore Diepen

Joanne Garland

James Norris

Barbara Lawson

Yvonne Jensen

Richard Carlson

Betty Nutall

Ruth Parmenter

Joanne Kohlbeck

Robert Charles Martin

Ralph Shepard

Gladys Nelson

Elinor LeRoux

Theresa Ostradick

Jeanne Booker

James McKay

Robert Blackmer

Ruth Ann Strand

Janice Emmons

Gladys Buit

John Eberley

June Maycroft

Robert Scholtens

Donna Dyer

Jean Kuerth

Marian Smith

Russell DeYoung

Merlin Bush

Neil Frick

Lyle Stratton

Kathryn Scholtens

Shirley Lund

Lois Parker

Donna Zachariason

Dianne Hislop

Alice Sell

Robert Bodnar

Beverly Skok

Jean Miles

Gwendolyn Dixon

Gertrude Lila Goodrich

**Betty Durand** 

Betty Lou Doenges

John Workman

Joyce Thoma

Beverly Vargo

Robert Graff

Dean Kessler

Clifford Goericke

**Betty June Stratton** 

Louise Lee

Delores Goulet

Esther Sponaas



# With Honors

#### VALEDICTORIAN



Delores Bleich

#### BEST CITIZEN



Joyce Colburn

#### SALUTATORIAN



Margaret Forrest

Delores Bleich, valedictorian, achieved the highest rating in scholarship among all students of the senior class of 1947. Margaret Forrest, salutatorian, was second. Joyce Colburn was chosen "Best Citizen" by a vote of the senior girls, an honor award sponsored by the D.A.R.

Delores Bleich also won the D.A.R. Award in American History. It was a written examination taken under guidance of Mr. James Verduin, proctor. Any senior was eligible. Six students participated.

# LOOKING FORWARD OVER THE HIGHWAY



Hmmm, well for heaven's sake! Look what's lying on this park bench. Golly, a copy of the Muskegon Heights Record. Look, June 13, 1957! That's the day I graduated ten years ago. I wonder what the kids I graduated with are doing now.

Whoof, it feels good to sit down, that pavement is hot on my bare feet. The tops of the shoes are all right, but I sure miss my soles.

My goodness — look at the headlines — Norris succeeds Frick, who, as Drain Commissioner, allowed things to get pretty messy.

Look, just below that. My old girl friend, Lois Gathard,





plunged to her death from her third floor room of the American Hotel, owned by Albert Gebolys. She was identified by Sheriff Sovacool. Arrangements for the funeral are being made by the Louise Lee Funeral Home. Her will is being prosecuted by Lawyer Ruth Parmenter in Judge Bob Scholtens' probate court. She leaves all her worldly goods, a toothbrush and two pairs of bobby-sox, to her lifelong friend, Bev. Bohland, the famous mud-pack artist. At the inquest, John Workman, noted dentist, identified her by her upper plate. Those attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beam (Mrs. Beam is the former Jean Miles); Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderegg (Mrs. Anderegg is the former Barb Koteles now teaching English at Muskegon Heights High School); Mr. and Mrs. Kayle DePoy and their three lovely children (Mrs. De-Poy is the former Jeanne Turner); Miss Jeanne Booker, the famous star of stage and radio now starring in "Bloomer Girl". Pall-bearers were Richard Beckman, Richard Carson, Richard Klimo, and Richard Hubbell. As she was lowered gently into her vault, a strange voice was heard to say, "Open the door, Richard."

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Look at this article: Jerry Heaton was arrested for selling worm-filled apples on the corner of Peck and Broadway. The arresting officers were Bob Blackmer and Warren Appell. He has now confessed that Delores Bleich was his silent partner. They will be sent to the Muskegon County jail which is being run by Stanley Elliott. ("Oh, I'm so tired. It seems that just about everybody I know is in the news except me.") Look at this story by Glenna Lake, star reporter. There was a fire at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dietz. Mrs. Dietz is the former Marian Smith, who is working as a secretary at Campbell, Wyant, and "Pehr". \$5,000 damage was reported by Fire Chief Cliff Goericke. ("Boy, am I hungry! Look at that beautiful advertisement of this cake at Burmeister's Bakery. I remember she used to go steady with Johnny Glomb. Guess she married him.")

It seems that the Bechtel and Sell Pharmacy has picked the winners of the beauty contest-first prize went to Aileen Smith of Marne, Mich. The prize is a round trip to Fruitport, all expenses paid. Joyce Colburn, Mayor of the city, will present her with the key to the city. Second prize went to Charlotte Porter, whose prize was a one way trip to Lake Michigan on the People's Transport Corp. bus, which is owned by Johnny Jurkas. We notice the bus will be driven







by Betty Judd. Third prize winner was Lenore Diepen and her prize was a large economy box of Kleenex.

Here is the weather report by head weather man Kenneth Besaw. "Rain today followed by tomorrow." ("I hope it does rain. Haven't had a shower for a long time.")

Look, Helen Myer's pool hall, "The Academy for the Promotion of Billiard Players", was just raided! Among those who were taken to the "Hoosegow" were Ed Aamodt, Gene Bergklint, Rolla Bailey, Pat Bilka, Doug Beth, Gloria Cox, Beth Dickinson, Gwen Dixon, Lois Dodds, Betty Doenges, and Frieda Doll.

A wedding reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison, nee Gladys Scheel, for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bollenbach. Mrs. Bollenbach is the former Bev. Koch. The marriage was performed in the St. Paul's Church with the Reverend Kathryn Valencourt officiating. Maid of Honor was Dianne Hislop and bridesmaids included Marian Hinchman, Marian Hudson, Terry Javinski, Barb Mattson, June Maycroft, and Marcella McGonigle. Bob Graff was best man and the ushers were Roy Mc-Crea, Bob Moulton, John Neuhaus, Ken Graves, Bernard Cook, and John Eberly. Out-oftown guests included: Alan Kushner, the famous New York cartoonist; Jean Kuerth, Chicago hat designer; Dean Kessler, head of Radio Tech-

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nician School of Detroit; Gene Brusky, owner of Bethlehem Steel; and Donna Dyer, head of Johns Hopkins.

Oh, I see where Jim Howell is going to attend a football banquet at Ann Arbor. At the station to bid him good-by was Tenny Lee Williams. Edward Lenoir also attended his departure, which was preceded by a gala farewell party.

Here's a story by June Bluhm, who seems to be society editor now. I guess I'll see what she has to say. Quite a few celebrities attended the opening of the famous "William Rose's Diamond Horse Collar". Among those attending were the famous tumblers, Duane Buchany and Gladys Buit; and the famous quartet Bowen, Brown, Bullis, and Bush, The All-American Girl's Basketball Team was the quest of the Proprietors, Marianne Takats and Bill Wansten. Members of the basketball team are: Capt. Arlene Schamber, Gloria Jean Scales, Shirley Sekeres, Margaret Cato, Mary Ellen Dobb, Betty Durand, Henrietta Vanderstelt. Zuidema's Zoot Suit Zombies were kicking out music with a beat so the dancers could kick their feet. Crooning the more sentimental tunes was the famous groaner, Bob Ribesky. A few of the more famous personages were: Charles Reinertsen, the imminent poet; Bev Skok, the author; Beverly Jean Smith, the fashion designer; Theresa







Ostradick, the college prof.; Larry Radke, the dentist; Ruth Woodruff, the artist; Bev Vargo, Powers model; Janice Schwass, famous Hollywood fashion designer; Connie Taylor, one of the Georgia governors: Doris Wood, famous surgeon; Joyce Thoma, the Shakespearian actress; Tom Culver, the well-known oralist.

In the show were co-stars Joan McConnell and Ray Mc-Lean, of stage, radio, and screen fame; and Esther Spoonas, tap dancing star. Janet Laughlin, Shirley Lund, Kathryn Magdic, Yvonne Jensen, Nancy Premo, Jean Guthrie, Betty Nuttall, Elinor Le Roux, Jean Eklund, Betty Stratton, Marva Parker, Delores Privasky, Marilyn Swift and Maxine Smith were in the chorus-line. Janice Emmons, Leola Ferris, Pat Gardner, Lois Parker, and Beverly Ruiter were charming cigaret girls. Hat-check girls were Dorothy Gleisner, Ruth Strand, Margaret Forrest, Joanne Kohlbeck, Lila Goodrich and Pat Hatfield. Edsel Erickson was Master of Ceremonies.

Seems as if M. H. is certainly getting fashionable lately. ("Oh, well, I have evening clothes too. I wear them evenings, and mornings, and afternoons too, often for weeks at a time.")

Look, here is the birth column. Boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walt Lysiak, nee Glenna Looyengoed; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, nee Mari-

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lyn Start; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Linnell, nee Barb Lawson; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Rinehart, nee Alice St. Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Whitlow, nee Shirley Tinkham. Girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winteringham, nee Beverly Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olsen, nee Doris Milner; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Langlois, nee Betty Lee; Mr. and Mrs. John Dudzik, nee Marian Sangster. Looks like M. H. will have a good football team in the future.

Some of the kids I graduated from high school with are now graduating from the U.O.M. H. (University of Muskegon Heights). Here are John Rams, Ralph Shephard, Kathryn Scholtens, Jim Stamper, Lyle Stratton, Mike Carpenter, Delores Hagen, Bob Badner, Pat Humphreys, Phyllis Jenkins, and Don Hotelling.

It seems as if they're starting a new newspaper, "Nelson's Nosy News". The owner is Ted Nelson, of course. On the staff are Jim Knight, Bob Cato, Bob Ray, Doug Ruud, Jack Collinge, Margaret Sauders, Loyal Cobb, Nancy Scheel, Jim Duvall, Chet Skiles, Bob Deimel, Helen Hiza, Bill Turrell, Bob Hepburn, Jim Collier, Clark Coon, John Harnyak, Marlowe Erickson, Ray Frens, Bill Carlareau, and John Gill.

At last, the sports section! U. of M. H. defeats Army, 12-6. The star pass of the day was thrown by Francis Ruud, and







received by Bob Gould, David Skiles, and LaVerne Ter Haar. All made 85 yd. runs, in several directions. Charles Votaw, Bob Gust, Bill Wood, Ron Zoratti, Ed Mezynski, Ed Macheta, and Walt Manguem showed good line playing. Coaches, Tom Muriset, James McKay and Bob Martin looked well pleased with the game. Army star Everett Grandelius failed to kick the extra point.

Those who lead the crowd in jeers were Millie Vanderlaan, Norma Vander Velde, Glenna Whelpley, Delores Goulet, Lea Wilson, and Gloria Wood.

I guess that's about all. Oh, I must have missed this feature article. What strange profession these Heights women get intol Marian Jones is going to be a deep-sea diver: Betty Keller, a flag-pole sitter; Phyllis Leigh, a Heights Streamliner brakeman; Baby-Face Mohring, a lady wrestler; Shirley Musk, a female "private Dick"; Gladys Nelson, a window washer at the Empire St. Building in Muskegon Heights; and Donna Zachariason, the conductor of the Muskegon Heights Philharmnic, Symphonic, Moronic orchestra.

Well, that finishes the paper. Looks like everyone has made something of themselves except me. Oh, oh, here comes a cop. I gotta go.

By Lois Gathard, Beverly Bohland, Helen Myers, Jim (The Tramp) Langius.

#### VALEDICTORIAN'S ADDRESS

by Delores Bleuh

For us, this is the time of happiness, joy, and optimism We are hopeful and are looking toward the future. But for many graduates of the past 15 years, the occasion was not such a joyful one as this. First, there was the depression, when there was no place in the world for youthful workers. Then war, when many graduates could not be present to receive their diplomas. Farewells were said on a note of sadness, for some were final.

But today there is a place in the business world for young people; and there is no war to take their lives. In some respects the outlook is much brighter than it was for the graduates before us. The world needs us to live for our country, not to die for it. Even though there is no war, no depression, we still are passing through a momentous time in history. The problems of the world were never greater. These problems will have to be solved soon, and that means that those of us who are just reaching adulthood, will have a share in the solution. Upon our shoulders rests the responsibility of regenerating American patriotism and selling democracy to the world. We must offer a living example of successful democracy. We cannot rest upon the laurels of the past and hope that our reputation will carry us through. We must prove democracy the best government for humankind. Our democracy must of course begin at home, but it must not end at home. Our dealing with foreign countries must be fair, honest, and helpful. We should help make the United Nations a working example of human cooperation.

Before we can handle international obligations on this basis, we must first look critically at our own land and see what is wrong. We must cleanse it, as Christ cleansed the temple, to make it a fit place upon which the dove of democracy may settle. We must purify American standards and morals. We must stand up and fight the forces which are trying to obliterate the American way of life. Only true belief in and enthusiasm for our way of life can stamp out subversive forces. Let the voice of truly famous Americans lead us. Let our hearts stir and swell with pride as the spirit of Patrick Henry comes from the past to once again rouse Americans to action. Let the calm common sense of Thomas Jefferson guide us, as it did him as he wrote "The Declaration of Independence." Let us love our fellow men as Abraham Lincoln did, so we may strive to do our best for all. May the hope and visionary mind of Woodrow Wilson guide us when the times seem dark. Let the courage of Franklin D. Roosevelt be a shining example when we face great odds. May the Greatest Power of the universe, Jesus Christ, be our living example as we strive to make the world a better place for all.

#### SALUTATORIAN'S ADDRESS

by Margaret Forrest

"School Spirit": that is the theme of our senior class yearbook, The Oaks, for 1947. It is something most of us have heard about, but perhaps not all of us have tried to grasp its fullest meaning. What is this "school spirit" we hear so much about? Because it is in truth a spirit, it is difficult to explain. It is an intangable something hard to define; yet we all know it is something which binds us together in every enterprise, binds us in loyalty to our school, loyalty to our friends. We Seniors of the Class of '47 believe now we have discovered what this spirit of the school really is. We can feel it in our hearts, yet find it difficult to make it clear to others except by example.

A few years ago, for instance, graduation seemed a long way off. The time has passed all too quickly, and now commencement is virtually here. We have made many tried and true friends among both students and teachers here; and we are undoubtedly better persons because of them. We shall cherish these friendships all our lives.

During these years of working and playing together, we have developed a sense of loyalty to our school. If we have not always shared our burden of responsibility, it may have been our own fault. Many have sincerely shared their responsibility, and have given of their talents for the benefit of

the entire student body. We have shown each other the way to live. In a word, loyalty is the key-note of school spirit; without sincerity, enthusiasm is a mere sham, only "a tinkling cymbal."

Now we have come to the place where our loyalties must be broadened, our circle of responsibility will be widened and deepened. If we can carry out our obligations in this larger life which is almost upon us, in the same manner and with the same spirit which has characterized our endeavors in high school days, then surely we can make ourselves valuable members of this community—or any community. A man or a woman is measured in terms of his contribution to the progress of civilization, not merely in terms of money or show.

This is the reason why, in this age of atomic power, commercialism, and machinery, that we must not forget our highest loyalty, a devotion which transcends everything, devotion to God and His program for the universal brotherhood of man. Narrowness, jealousy, and selfishness lead only to conflict between friends, neighbors, and nations. We have high hope, therefore, that the same spirit which we have known here in Muskegon Heights High school, will serve as an example and an inspiration for us all in the great scheme of life just ahead.

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Buy The Acorn

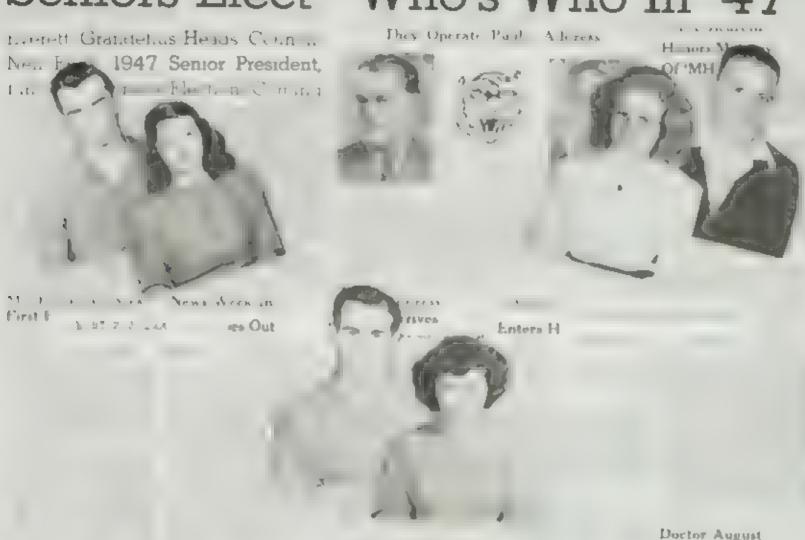
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Vice-president ..... Harold Hansen

Secretary ...... Ken Drake

Sergt-at-arms .... Rene McDowell

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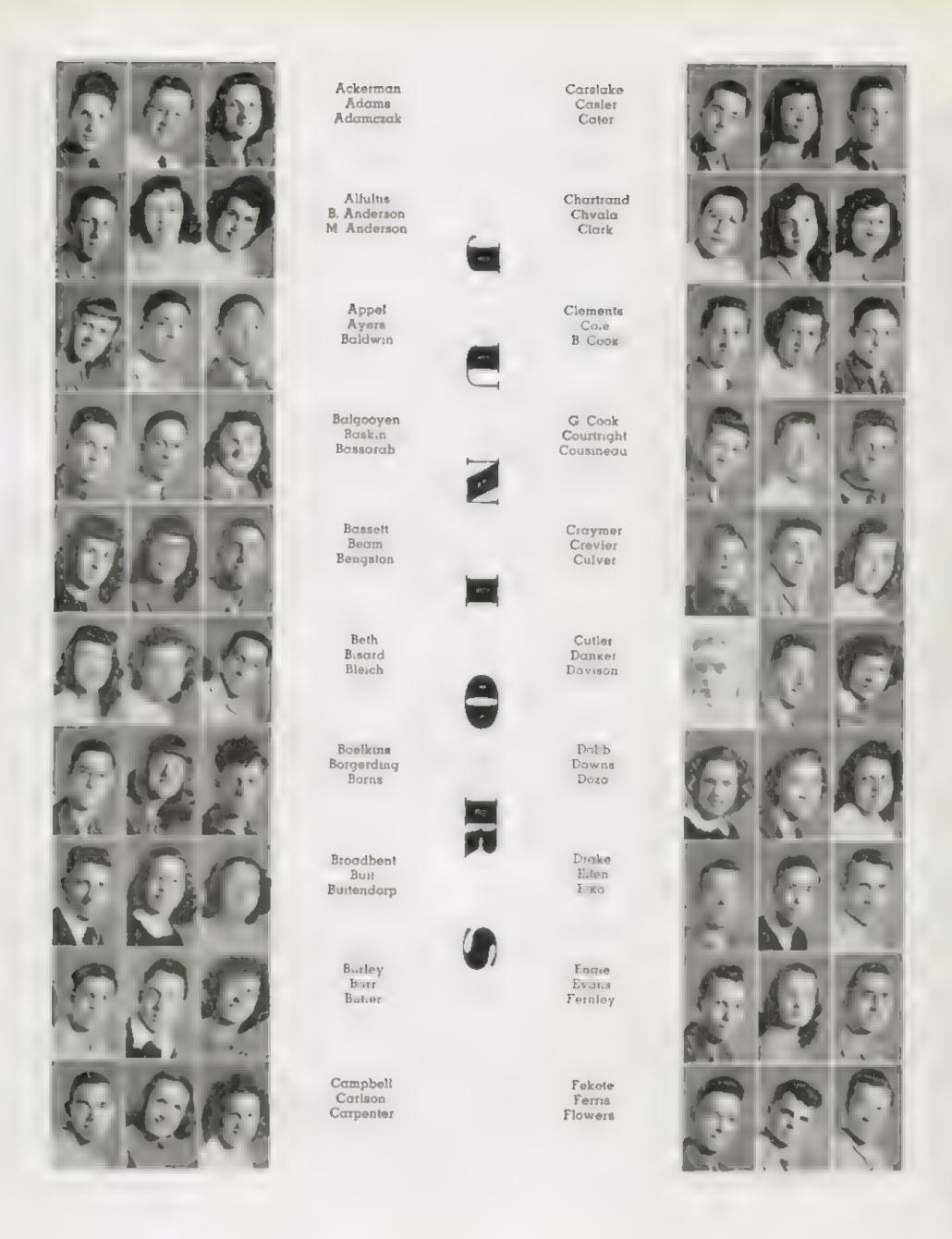


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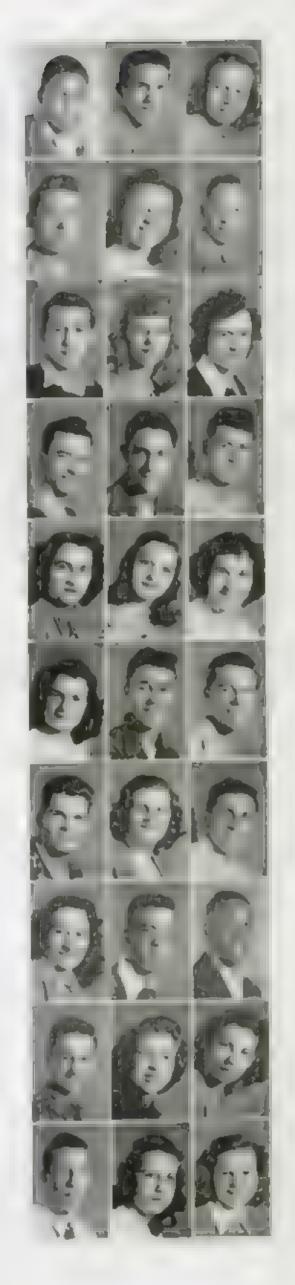
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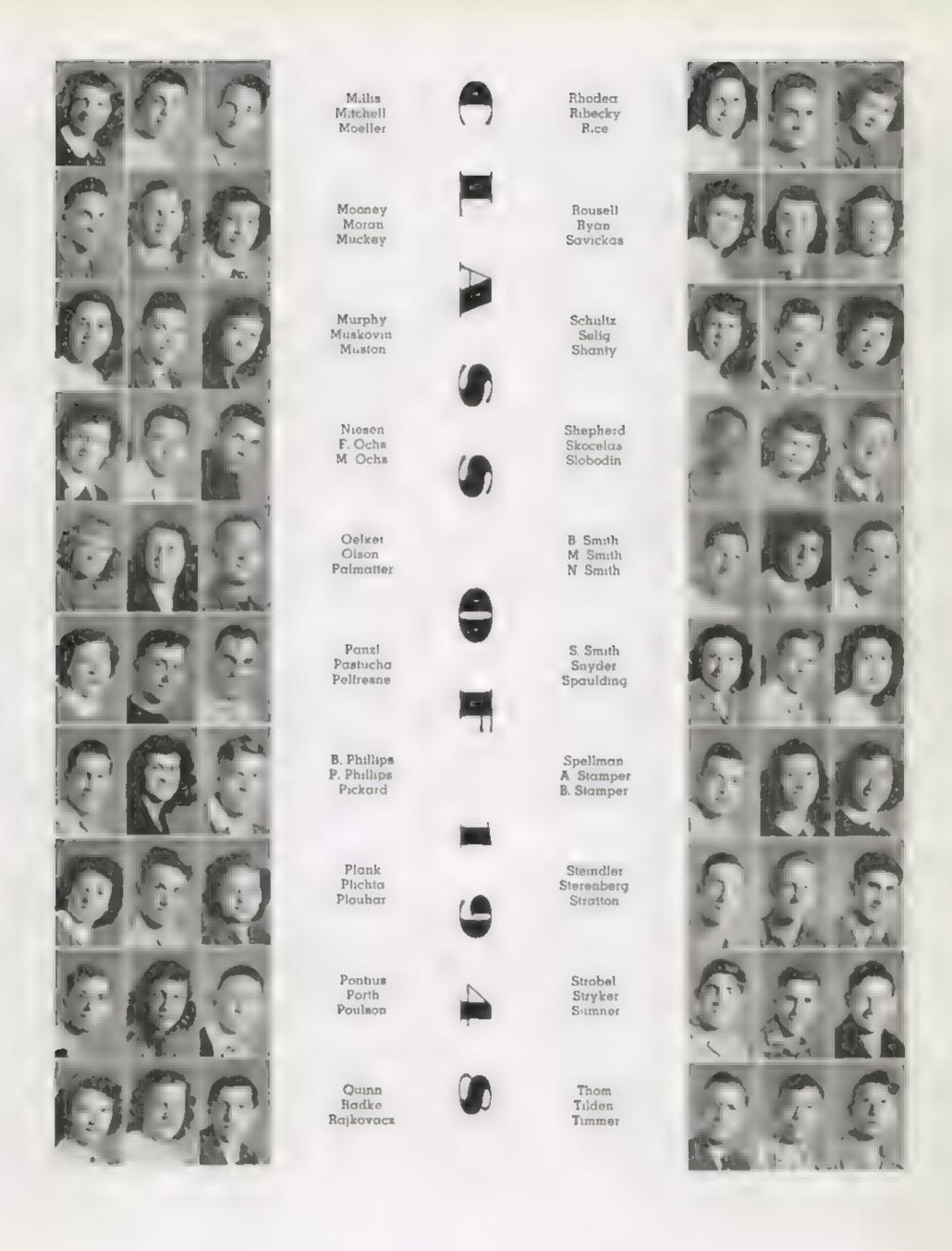
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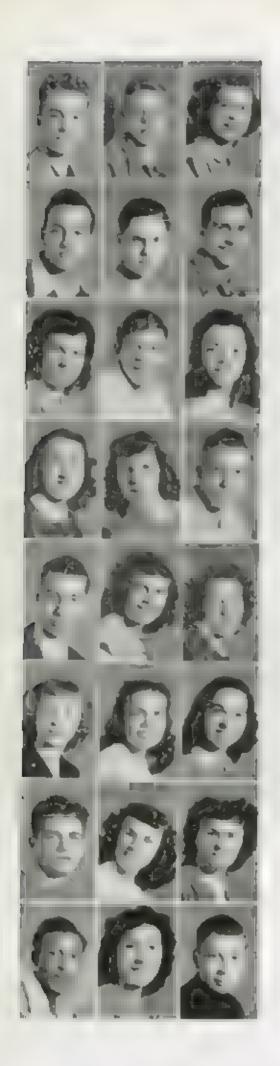
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#### **OFFICERS**

President ....... Logan McDowell
Vice-president ....... Jack Bramble
Secretary ........ Shirley Hauke
Treasurer .. Doloris Wannamaker
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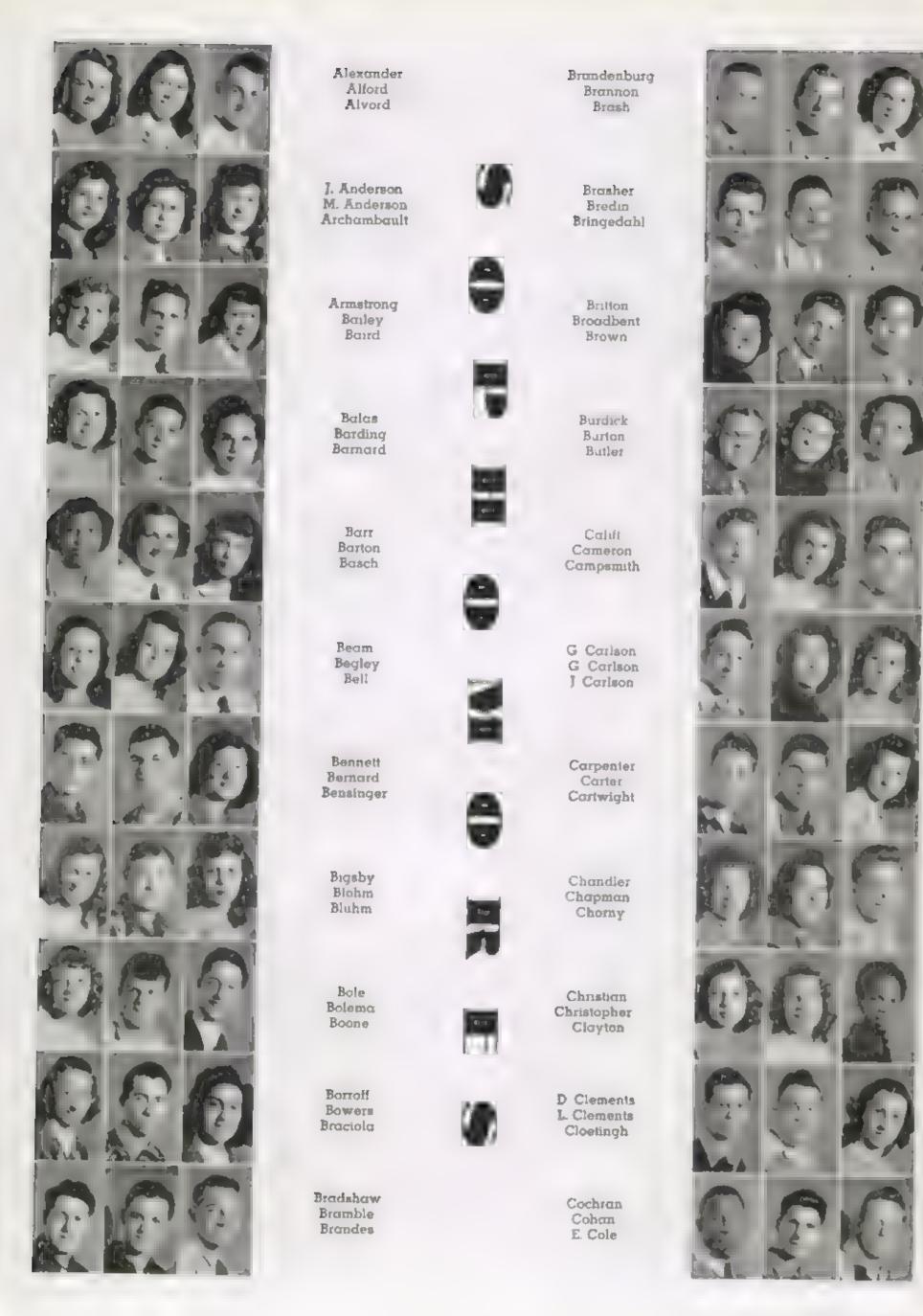
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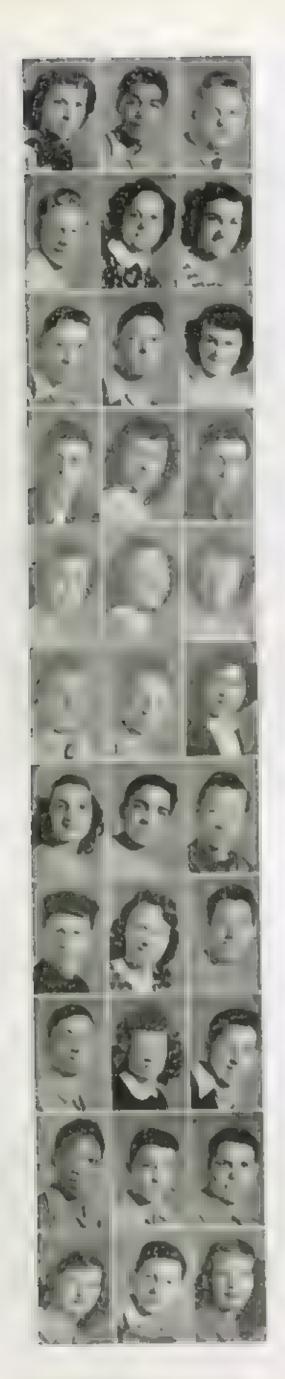
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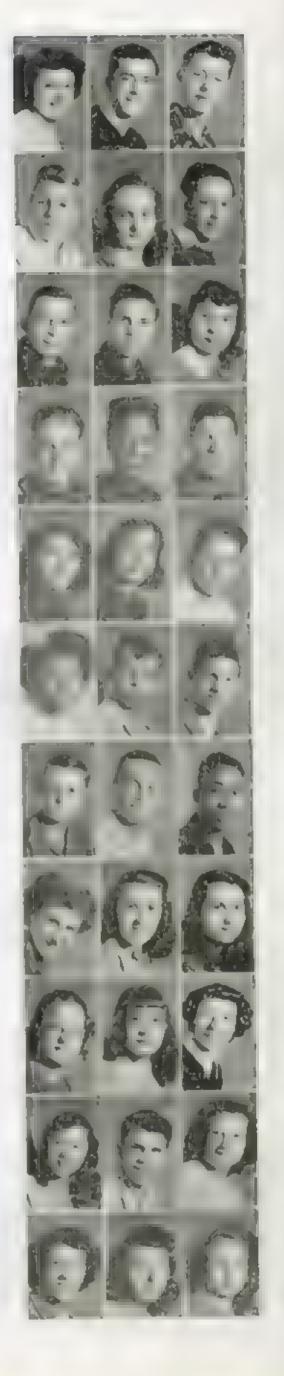
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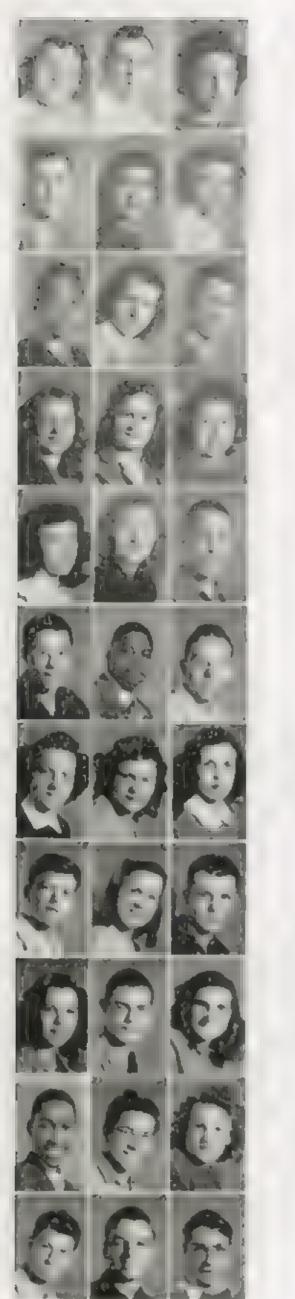


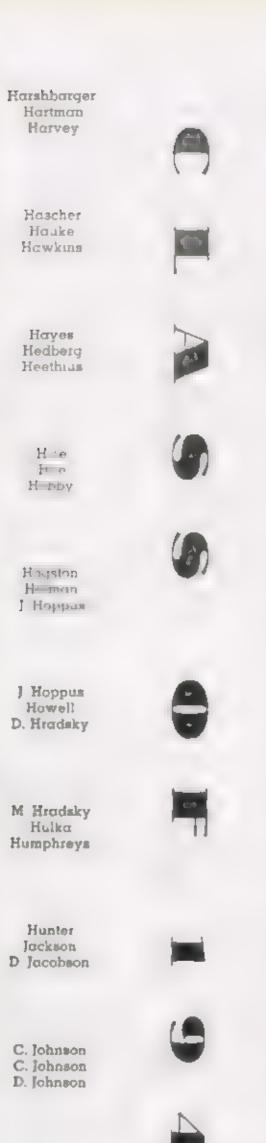
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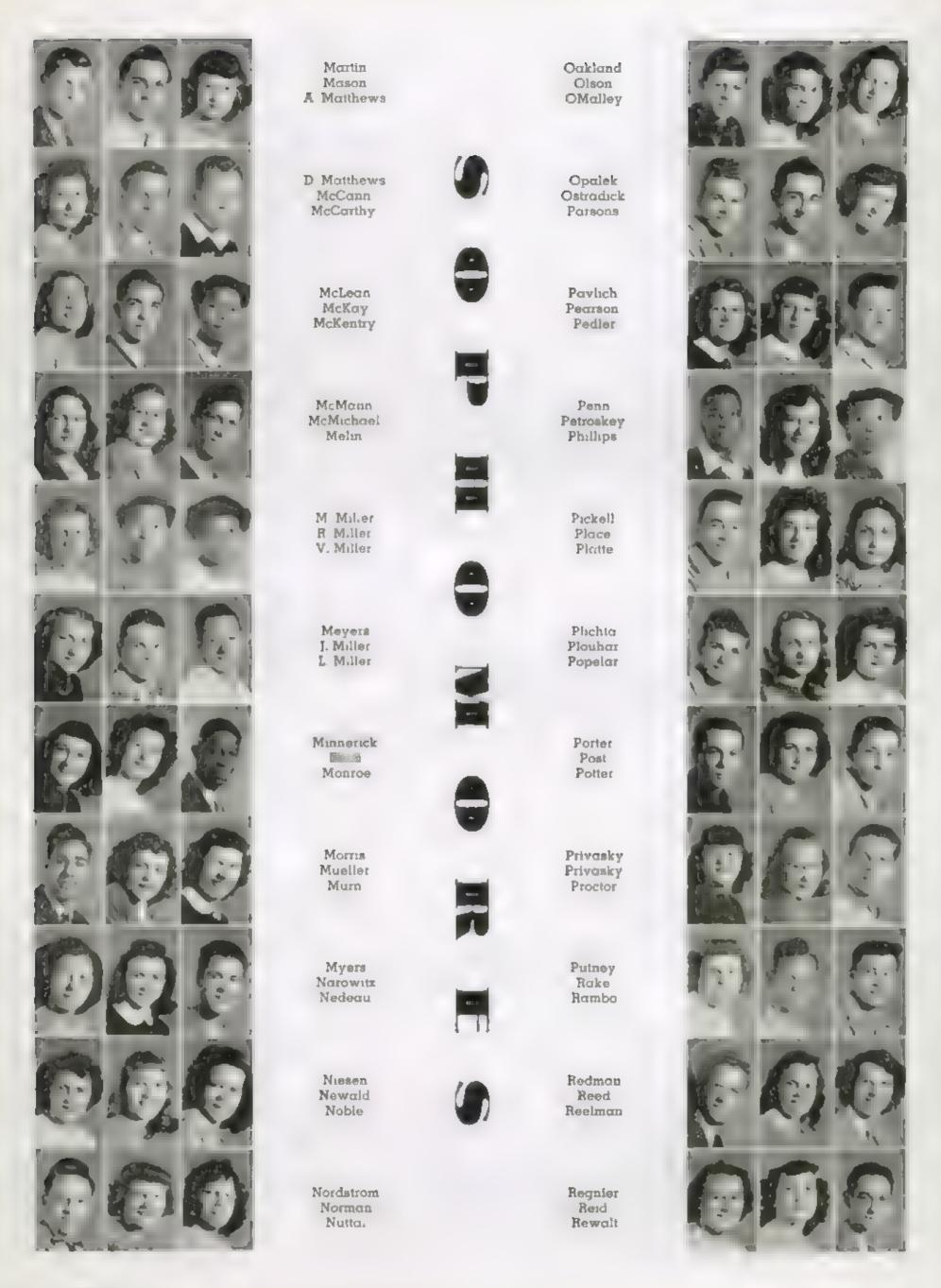


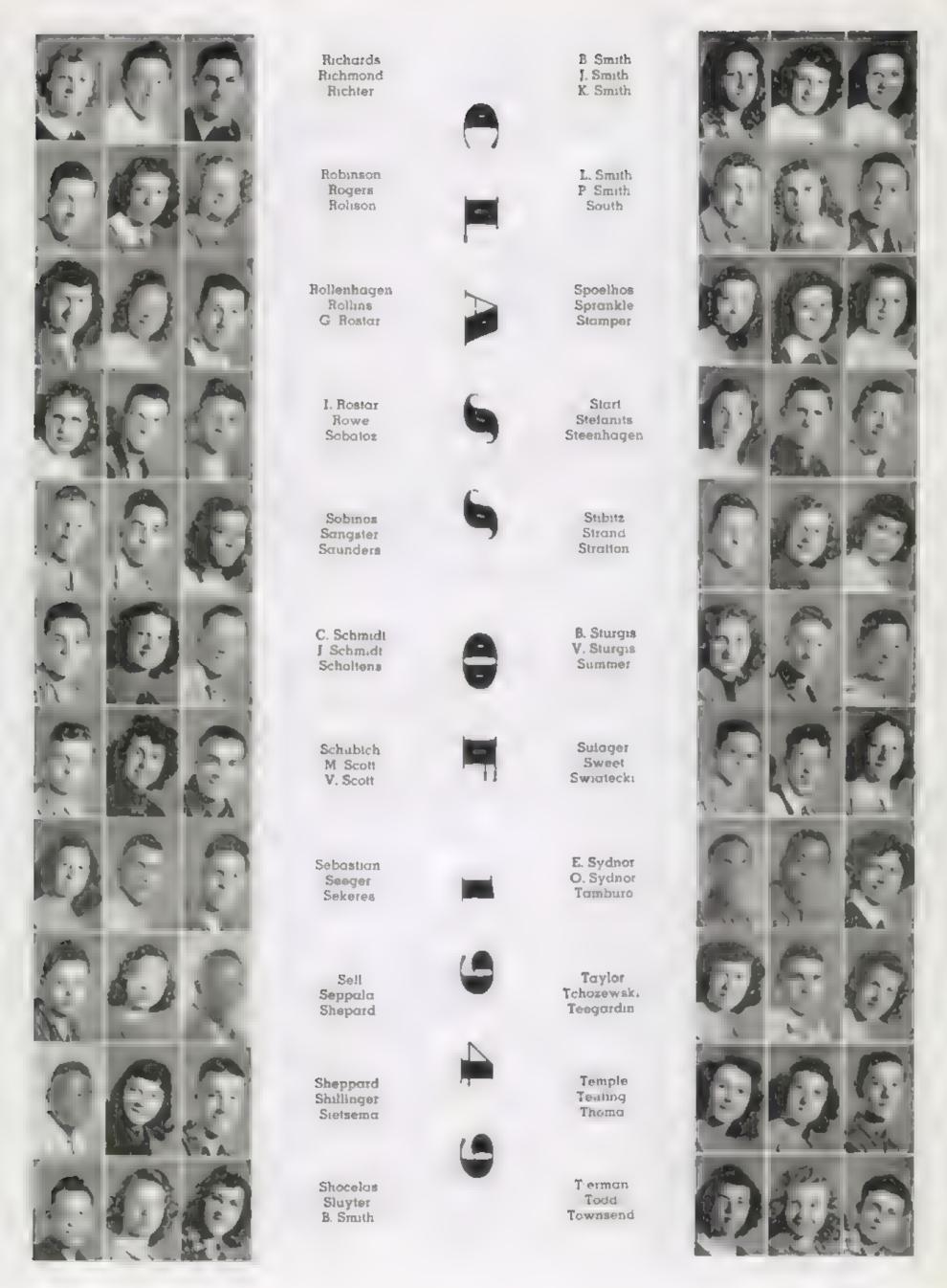


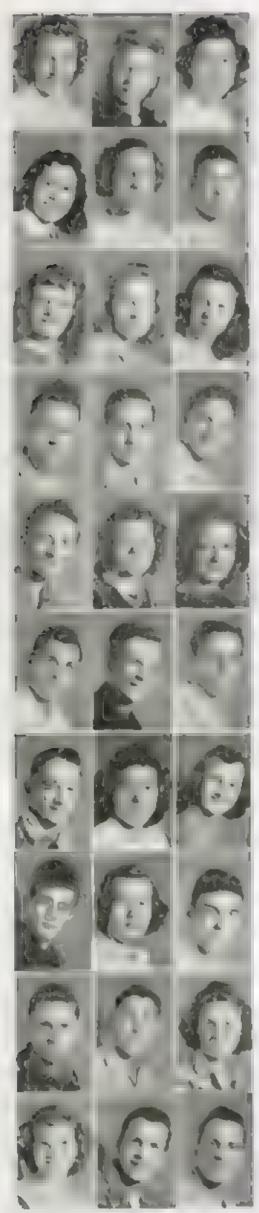


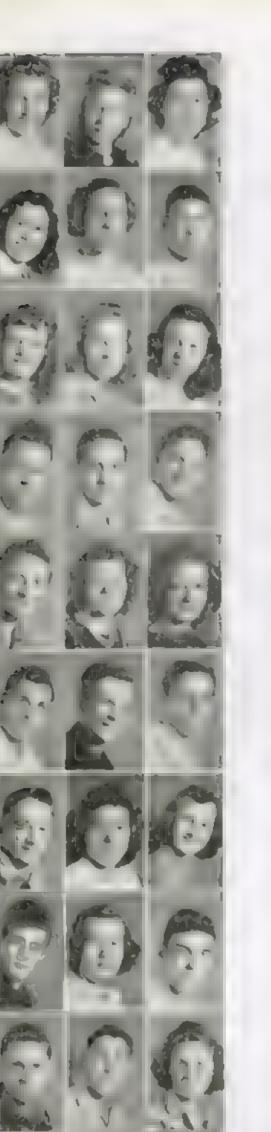


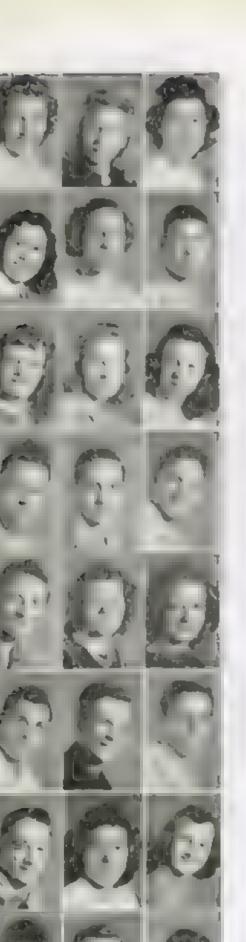
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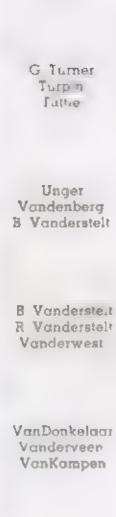












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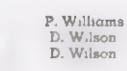
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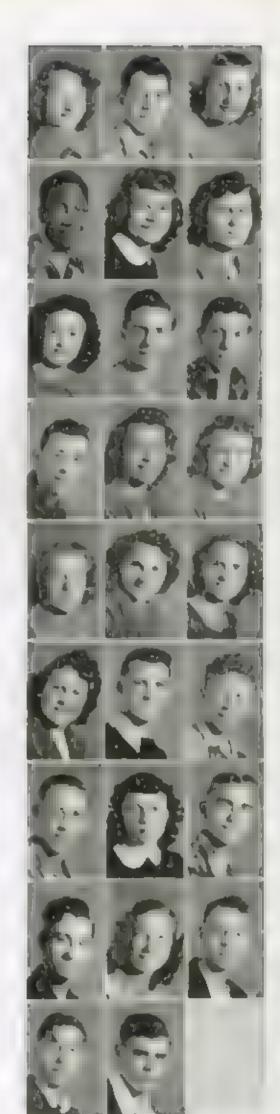


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### CONCERT BAND



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id Row—Adams. Miller. Sanders, Valencourt, Pedler, Culver Sturges

d. Row—Burley, McGregor, Long, Alexander, Lee, Monroe

h. Row—Ponturs, Eberly, Eckenberry, McMichael

anding Mr. Maynard Buck, Instructor, and Klimo



Last fall our band, under the capable direction of the late Gayle A. Churchill, was very active, playing for all the home football games and participating in other school and civic affairs. All the band members as well as the rest of the school felt the loss of Mr. Churchill, who passed away shortly after the Christmas holidays, very keenly. We are sure, however, those who return next fall will be as loyal to Mr. Maynard Buck as they were to Mr. Churchill.



### GLEE CLUB



4th raw—Walworth, J. Smith, Brown, Ruiter, Chapman, Mold, Start 3rd row—Bassarab, B. Smith, Richards, Chvala, Hudson, Bluhm 2nd row—Falbe, Hobby, Doll, Baker, B. Johnson 1st row—D. Johnson, Carison, Kessler, Tamburo, VanderVelde Absent were—Cole, Sekeres, Cartwright, Hansen

The Glee Club, comprised of all girls, has always been a profitable and popular organization in our school. It carries school credit and usually meets every other day during the week in the high school auditorium at 10 o'cock. Mr. Maynard Buck is the director.

Any girl who likes to sing will certainly enjoy the Glee Club. It is the best place to learn the "tricks of the trade", and provides a background for those wishing to participate in the work of the A Cappella Choir. Each girl receives valuable individual instruction, and learns to sing her indi-

vidual part for which her voice is best suited. The girls also learn to harmonize, and have special daily singing drills. They sing the literary classical music such as "Nightfall", "Pale Moon", "The Robin in the Rains", and others. Much of it produces a wealth of personal pleasure and satisfaction which the girls would not exchange for anything in the world, even though they get school credit for their work.

Bonnie Johnson is the president.

Donna Johnson is the vice-president.

Gwennie Carlson is the secretary
treasurer.

## A CAPPELLA CHOIR



Back Row—Clements, Flowers, Ribesky, Kessler, Mitchell, Moulton, George, Deits Third Row—Slobodin, Schmidt, Wilson, Goulet, Parmenter, Lee, Hunter, Swager Second Row Anderson, Sekeres, Porter, Chandler, Start, Javinsky, Booker, Kienke, Bull First Row Zachariason, Reed, Minnerick, Kropi, Begley, Histop, Kruitoff, Sell

Our A Cappella Choir is an organization of which the whole school is justly proud. It was developed by the late Mr. Gayle Churchill, director, and has about 46 members, most of whom are senior and sophomores. Members are chosen by audition and voice classification, and not simply by enrollment.

The past year was one of the most active and interesting, and yet one of the saddist, owing to the unexpected demise of Mr. Churchill. The Choir sang for school assemblies, for the Woman's club, and for church organizations, luncheon clubs, at the annual

Christmas assembly, the Norge Convention, for Grossman's store, and over the air through the WKBZ microphones.

Socially, the Choir members have lots of fun. A sleigh ride and a dance were two of the events of the year, as well as a trip to Lansing for the state music festival. Officers of the choir were: President, Bob Ribesky; secretary, Charlotte Porter; and treasurer, Dianne Hislop.

The choir is now under the direction of Mr. Maynard Buck who has had wide experience in teaching high school and college music.

#### ORCHESTRA



Handy, Proctor, Thom, Klimo, Mr. Buck, Strand, Schmidt, Scales.

Owing to the untimely passing of Mr. Gayle A. Churchill, our music director, the orchestra was not able to reach its usual peak of fine performance.

During the last few years, it was considered wisest, under our particular music program, to limit the orchestra to what is known as a "string ensemble." Furthermore, wind instruments were needed for a larger marching band. So, while the band was increasing, the orchestra was decreasing. A third reason for so few members in the orchestra probably is owing to the fact that few grade school children

are taking instrumental music lessons as in past years.

In other words, the music department in high school is a tremendously large job for one director. Mr. Maynard Buck, who succeeded Mr. Churchill, has been planning for the future. He would like to see our school represented by a fine orchestra as well as an excellent band and choir. Even if it requires five years, the job should be done if our musical education department is to rank with others in the state. Let us all cooperate with Mr. Buck and the Board of Education to the fullest extent. We want and need good music.

## DEBATE TEAM



We are proud of the work of our debate team this year and we have good reason to be. The affirmative debaters were: Dorothy Gleisener and David Wampler, the only members who had previous debating experience. The negative was composed of Douglas Cutler and Dean Kessler. Because of having won five of eight contests with various schools of the state, they acquired the Detroit Free Press Award for outstanding debating. They also succeeded in entering the regional eliminations at Kalamazoo in which they were matched to debate against Hudsonville, and lest. Incidentally the Hudsonville Debate Team was defeated in the State Championship debate team in 1946.

Thanks to the excellent coaching of

Miss Julia Royse and Mr. E. W. Gillaspy, the team did remarkably well. The question debated this year was: "Resolved, that the Federal government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense."

On April 18 in Muskegon Heights High auditorium, local contestants won three firsts and two seconds in the District contest.

Jeanne Booker took a first place in dramatic declamaion, Betty Downey captured a first in oratorical declamation, David Wampler took a first in extempore.

Jayda Garland took second in oratorical declamation and Douglas Cutler took second in extempore.

# SENIOR PLAY



COME OVER TO OUR HOUSE

by Marrijane and Joseph Hayes

# THE CAST

Mrs. Claire Thomps	on Jeanne Booker
Lindy Eldridge	Barbara Koteles
Hugo Willifred	Edsel Erickson
Marion Eldridge	Marianne Takats
Jay Eldridge	Alan Kushner
Carrie Randolph	Betty Doenges
Hildred Reynolds	Nancy Premo
Butch Reynolds	Clayton Borgman
Madge Wilkins	Joyce Colburn
Amanda Eldridge	Ruth Parmenter

Philip King	Jerrold Heaton
Evie Cannon	Jean Miles
Stephen Reynolds E	Everett Grandelius
Sascha Sevinsky .	James Norris
Damon Gottschalk	Bob Scholtens
May Huston	Ruth Ann Strand
Veronica Nichols	Delores Bleich
Barney Fellows	Earl Beam

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Directors: Miss Julia Royse and E. W. Gillaspy

## JUNIOR PLAY



#### THE FIGHTING LITTLES

1 comedy by Caroline Francke
Adapted from the novel by Booth Tarkington
Miss Julia A. Royse and E. W. Gillaspy, Directors

#### THE CAST

Almatina
Cousin Olita
Filmer
Ham
Mr. Little
Goody
Mrs. Little
Antoinette

Margaret Kropf
Eloise Carlson
Jim Slobodin
Harold Hansen
Winston Boelkins
Donna Fortier
Molly Ryan
Sandy Hibbard

Cuckoo Screwball Henrietta Peller Norman Peel Dicky Harpeddle Mrs. Harpeddle Miss Pologna

Betty Lou Anderson Isabel Dobb Norma Jean Wise Robert Chartrand Virgil Hilliard Inez Willson Arlene Stamped

Music b II & Strong Ensemble Mr. R. Maynard Buck, Director

#### FORENSIC WINNERS



Back Row-Votaw, Wampier, Baldwin, Cutler, Middle Row Booker, Bleich, Gleisner Front Row Garland, Hauke, Downey

Each year our school holds a series of forensic contests. The purpose of these contests is to stimulate interest in speech and to develop students

with special talents in that field.

In our speech contests this year a large number of students participated. Competition was keen. First place in the Original Oratory Contest was taken by Charles Votaw. His oration was entitled "Basis for a Real Peace." Dorothy Gleisner took second place, and Delores Bleich, third.

Extemporaneous Winners were: First, Douglas Cutler, and second, Dav-

id Wampler. Their topics were "How to Get Along with Russia" and "Portal to Portal Pay," respectively.

Betty Downey was the first place winner in Oratorical Declamation. Second place went to Jayda Garland, and third, to Shirley Hauke.

Jeanne Booker captured first place in Dramatic Declamation. Shelley Baldwin won second place, and Barbara Platte, third.

The directors of speech activities are Miss Julia Royse and Mr. E. W. Gillaspy.

### STYLE SHOW



#### STYLE SHOW

The students here as typical clothing students, have had four semesters of clothing under direction of Miss Mina Morris. They have learned the importance of good judgment in the selection of textiles and determining their needs.

Girls are taught that clothing which simply hangs, and is not worn, is a sign of failure as well as a waste of money. Choosing suitable styles and materials for individuals requires careful study of the principles of art, harmony, balance, proportion, rhythm, and emphasis.

"Wise spending is more important than the most diligent saving."





### CAFETERIA



Working in the cafeteria for the first semester were only six girls, each having their own duties to perform with a helper, Mrs. Lawrence, who came in every day at 10 o'clock. The 11 o'clock Foods IV class prepare the food every day for the cafeteria. There are approximately 150 students every day to serve. They serve a hot dish, sandwiches, salad, dessert and milk; each day something different for variety.

The second semester there were two Foods IV classes. One met at 9 o'clock and the other at 11. Each class helped prepare for the lunch. Three girls in the 11 o'clock class serve at noon.

Miss Ruth Madison is the foods instructor.





Middle Row Hauke, Begley Handy, Hice, Balas Smith, G. sner Strand Widing Culvet, Post Hibbard Wannamaker Back Row Road Votaw, Jacobson Scholtens Wampier Neison Frick Norris McDowell Catier Platte, Carlson.

Front Row, Miss Boat Humphreys Fredricks Kienke, Ryan Anderegg Koteles McConneal Lawson Mr. Verduin

#### ART CLUB

#### Officers

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Secretary			Maril	yn Beam
Treasurer	**********		James	Langius
Advisor	Mi	188	Kothry	n Keillor

Back Row Beam, Culver, Meeller Spellman, Kushner, Swager Front Row—Knight, Gardner, Muse Keit lor, Wilson, Schwass, Langius



Although the Art Club was organized rather late in the year, it did not slow up work on The Oaks. The members chose "Paint Splash-

e:a" as a fitting nickname. Much of their work appears throughout this yearbook.

# BOOSTER CLUB

Always active, the Booster Club this year really fulfilled its purpose of boosting school activities. Few in number, they rate high for fun and useful work. Sponsoring dances, assem-

bl.es, and candy sales was a part of their activity, besides contributing to the stage lighting fund.



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Back Row—Diepen, Smith ,Olsen, Widing, Culver, Lee. Front Row Miss Cobb, Start, Gleisner, Kohlbeck, Maycroft

### CAMERA CLUB



Developing and enlarging photographs and learning to operate cameras are a few of the accomplishments of the Camera Club. Meetings are held every two weeks at school and

#### Officers

President	Charles Votaw
Vice president	Ralph Shepard
Secretary Man	garet Saunders
Advisor	James V. Cobb

Back Row - P. Smith, Looyengoed, Mr Cobb, Muckey, Swager. Front Row Kropf, Sauders, Votaw.

cometimes at the home of Mr. James V. Cobb, advisor, where a dark room and more equipnent are available

### FRENCH CLUB

Il n'ya que le premier par qui coute, (The first attempt is the most difficult.)

The purpose of this club is to further interest in the French language and French culture.

Meeting local French residents was a project of the club and by our name, "Les Alouettes" (the larks) one can tell the feelings of the club members for French and France.

#### Officers

President	Joanne Garland
Vice-president	Marie Anderson
Secretary	Eleanor LeRoux
Treasurer	Sandy Hibbard
Advisor	A. M. Courtright

Back Row—Fortier, Carlson, French.
Culver, B. J. Smith
Middle Row—Langius, Hansen, Stamp
er, Panzl, Dobb, Strand, Mr. Court

Front Row-Schwass, LeRoux, Hibbard, Garland, Anderson, P. Smith.



### HI-Y CLUB



#### Officers

President	Robert Graff
Vice president	Robert Ribesky
Secretary	. Bernard Steindler
Treasurer	Bill Balgooyen
Sergeant-at-arms	Lyle Grover
Advisor	F. W. Krueger

Back Row Cook, Drake, Bramble, J.
Hoppus, Bohn, Cutler, McCarthy
Middle Row Hildebrandt, McDoweil,
Hallberg, VanderWeele, Mitchell,
Hansen, Cater, Nedeau, Anderegg
Front Row-Schollens, Workman, Bal
gooyen, Ribesky, Graff, Steindler,
Nortis, Kushner

The Hi-Y Club under the direction of Mr. F. W. Krueger took a major part in school activities. Selling hot-dogs at the football games,

sponsoring dances, and presenting speakers were just a few of the many activities. Swimming was just a part of the fun we had.

### LIBRARY CLUB

This active group serve as assistants to Miss Purchase, our librarian, doing work which would be impossible to accomplish if there were no club to help. In addition, the club sold baked goods, held a May Tea for mothers, had social parties, sponsored a dance, helped with the Teen-age Book Show and Book Week.

#### Officers

President	Marian Smith
Vice-president	Mary Ellyn Dobb
Secretary Me	argaret Saunders
Treasurer	Jeanne Turner
Advisor	Elsie Purchase

Back Row-Wood, C. Strand, Vanderstell, Turner, P. Smith. Middle Row-Miss Purchase, Armstrong Culver, Jacobs, Reelman, I. Dobb, J Stamper, A. Stamper. Front Row-Thomas, M. Smith, M. Dobb, Saunders, J. Turner, Kropf



### SCIENCE CLUB

#### Officers

President	Robert Smith
Vice-president Bill	VanderWeele
Secretary Mari	on Hinchman
Program Chairman	Joyce Colburn
Advisor R.	L. Rakestraw

Back Row Norris, Ackerman, Votaw Graff, Erickson, Berklint, Droke, Len oir

Middle Row P. Smith, Grandelius Widing, Dudzik, Fernley, Kessler Wampler, McCormick

Front Row Jensen, McGonigle, Bleich Colburn, VanderWeele, Hinchman Lawson, Miles, Mr. Rakestraw



Newly organized this year was the Science Club under direction of Mr. R. L. Rakestraw. It was organized to create a real and lasting interest in science. Discussions were many, astronomy, hypnotism, cosmetics, the theory of relativity, and other interesting topics.

## SPANISH CLUB

Many students have participated in the activities of this club, taking a deep interest in learning to speak and understand this romance language. "Futtbol Fiesta" was a dance sponsored by the Spanish Club after one of the football games. The club also sponsored an assembly on Pan-American Day.



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Back Row-Hibbard, Baker, M. Smith, Hice, Long, Hedberg, Strand, Cooper, Dendrinos, Barton, B. J. Smith, Hansen, Koteles, McMann.

Middle Row—Mrs. Kile, Shillinger, L. Dobb. Kienke, Gleiener, Hiza, Hansen, Christopher, Brash, Miles, McConnell, Kohlbeck, Anderson, Grandelius, Sturgis.

First Row-Bleich, Lawson, Appel, Fortier, Ryan, Fredricks, Swift, Kock, Jensen

### STUDENT COUNCIL



Miss Bolt



Mr. Verduin

President ...... Everett Grandelius Vice-pres. ..... Paul Anderegg Secretary ..... Molly Ryan

The Student Council is proud to leave behind it a record that will long be remembered. They work diligently for the good of the entire student body and faculty, scheduling busses for out of town games, sponsoring dances, and establishing a greater measure of student control in school affairs. Representatives were sent to a statewide council meeting in Lansing, where it was learned that our school is among the leaders in student government.

Miss Donna Bolt and Mr. James Verduin, who have sat in on every council meeting for the last three years as advisors, deserve a great deal of credit for the efficient manner in which our council operates.

#### Y-TEENS

The Y-Teen organization is a part of the YWCA. Y-Teens this year served at several banquets, ushered at symphonies, and did many other things to help the community. They

gave a Mother-Daughter banquet and contributed to the World Reconstruction Fund for helping war-torn countries.

#### Officera

President	Nancy	Premo
Vice-president	Molly	Ryan
Secretary	Joyce (	Colburn
Treasurer	Delores	Bleich
Advisor Mar	jorie Hi	tchcock

Fop Row—Dendrinos, Hibbard, Essenberg, Platte, Vanderstelt, Long, Reid Barton, Fortier, Fredricks, Saunders Kropf, Hedberg, Strand, Emmons Mathews

Middle Row—Wood, Begley, Handy Culver, Buitendorp, Grandelius, Widing, Newald, Williams, Jacobs, And erson, Wilson, Cloething, Wannamaker, Turner

Front Row - Jensen, McGonigle, Appel, Miles, Colburn, Premo, Ryan, Bleich, Hinchman, Jenkins, Myers.



### COSCARELLI M. H. MEMORIAL

"We have come to dedicate a portion of that tield as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live."

—Abraham Lincoln

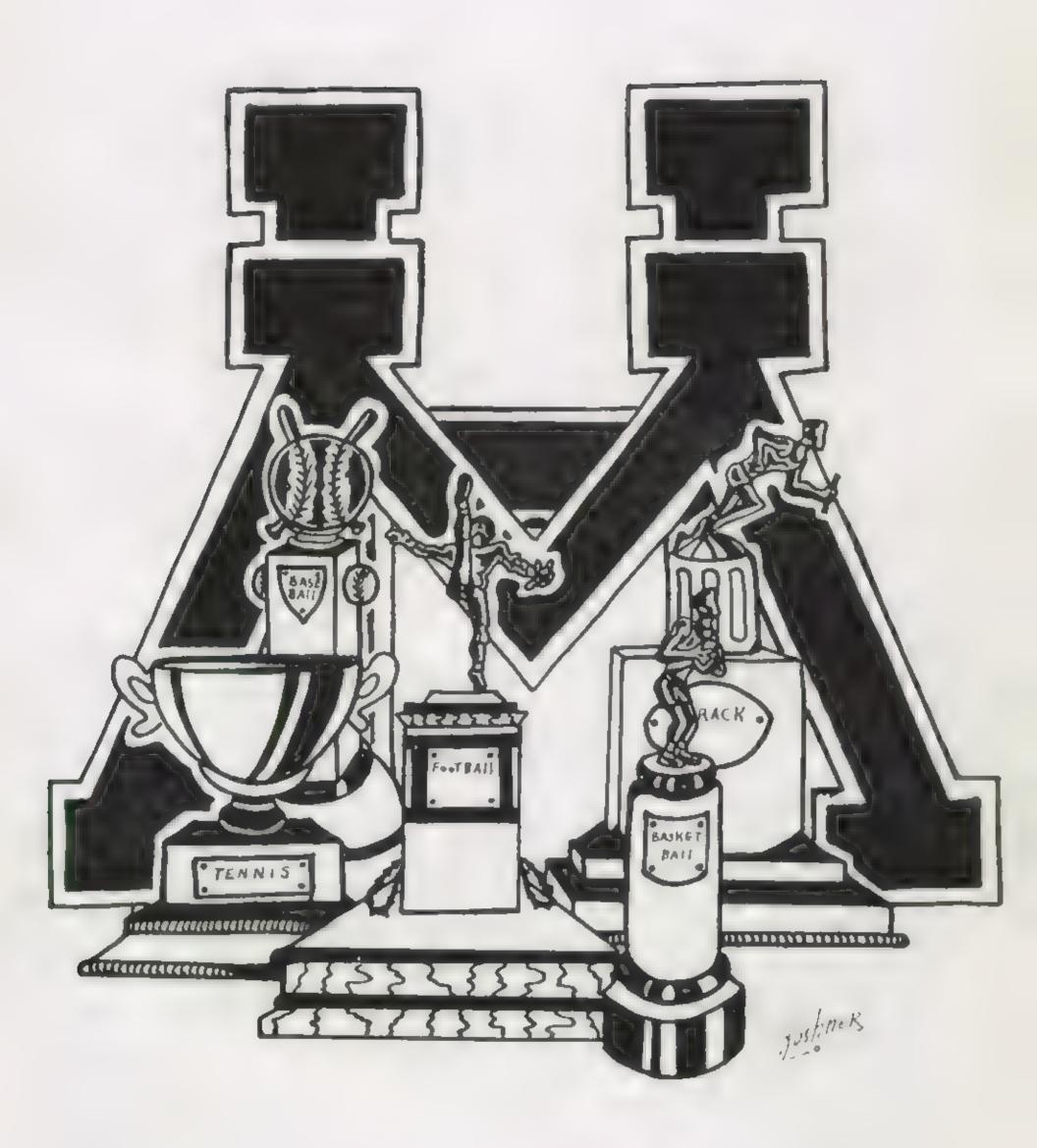


On a cool, crisp October evening preceeding the Muskegon Heights Grand Rapids Union football game, Mr. James Coscarelli, of this city, presented the high school Athletic Association with a beautiful stone memorial and bronze tablet commemorating the ten MH letter-winners who sacrificed their lives for their country during World War II. It was a fitting gift, gratefully accepted by the school from a loyal fan and friend of youth.

Plans for the memorial grew and took shape during the summer of 1946, when Mr. Coscarelli first discussed the idea with C. F. Bolt, principal. The stone, a huge boulder obtained from Casnovia, was artistically created into a memorial by Mr. Merritt Corbus and now rests in the southwest corner of Phillips field.

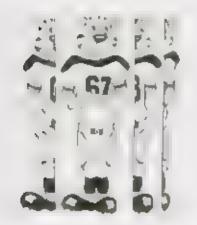
"I knew all of these boys and all were of good moral character, of excellent scholastic standing and athletic ability," Mr. Coscarelli told us by way of comment. "It was an honor to have been associated with them, and to have the memorial accepted by the school."

A close-up of the bronze tablet makes all of the names clearly legible in the photograph above.



## VARSITY FOOTBALL





#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

One of the many outstanding improvements added to the brilliantly lighted Phillips Field was the electric scoreboard pictured at the left. Other factors leading to the betterment of the gridiron was the construction of a new set of bleachers and a retaining wall on the east side. Many additional structures of this kind may be added in the future.



## STATE CHAMPIONS

G. R. CRESTON Fullback Grandelius galloped over for all three touchdowns and a 19 to 6 triumph. About 6,500 saw the game. (19—6)

CATHOLIC Hard blocking and tackling was featured as the Orange and Black defeated highly touted G. R. Catholic, 13 to 0, on Bigelow field (13—0)

HOLLAND The Tigers won over the Woodenshoes 32 to 19, Holland scoring on two long runs in the waning moments of the game. (32—19)

UNION Heights edged the Red Howks coached by former Tiger Milo Sukup 13 to 7, in a wild, rugged contest with thrills galore. (13—7)

KALAMAZOO One of the best Kazoo elevens of recent years fell before the Tiger powerhouse 20 to 12. The out came was in doubt until the final whistle, (20-12)

GRAND HAVEN In a rather poorly played, ragged contest, the Tigers' victim this time was the Blue and Gold to the tune of 19 to 6. (19—6)

BENTON HARBOR -The Tigers deleated B. H. 19 to 12 after a 12 12 deadlock at the half. It was a "knockem down, drag 'em out" affair, vicious on the forward walls, Harbor's passing was almost latal. (19—12)

BATTLE CRIEK After losing Anderegg with a fractured leg, the Tigers expladed with new power, trampling the Cereal city lads 19 to 6. It was a clean, hard game. (19—6)

MUSKEGON In a sea of mud at Hack ley Statium, the Tigers defeated Mus kegon, architivals from across the tracks, 7 to 0. A pass, Grandelius to Howell set up the touchdown, the former smashing over for the tally. The trium in made it 18 consecutive wins 1-r the 1:cals, over two seasons of play (7—3,



COACH O. E. JOHNSON

The passing of another successful toothall season, 1946, resulted in the winning of a second straight Conference and State championship, under the treation of Coach Coart E. It anson This adds to his excellent record and classes him as one of the outstanding tooches in the state of Machigan

# MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC TITLISTS



Top fow Stratt a McGabee Cars.ake Cook Caughey Craymer T Johnson Fisher Mitchell Flawers Graves Borgman Third Row Coach Johnson, Subitz, Blackmer, Heaton, Moeller, Cater Frick, Ribesky, Hansen, Elliott, Krol, Shepherd, Assistant Coach Dahlberg.

Second Row Howell McLean, Bollenbach, Benson, Wansten, Anderegg, Grandelius, Norris, Beam, Kushner, DePay, Bottom Row—B. Johnson, Strobel, Crevier, Baldwin, Ivory, Timmer Graff, Drake, Courtright, Plichta, Campbell.



BENSON
Tackle
All-Conterence
Al-State 3rd Team

GRANDELIUS
Fullback
All-Conference
All State 1st Team

KUSHNER Halfback

ANDEREGG
Quarterback
All-Conference
All-State Honorable Mention

# 1946 TIGER



CATER Halfback

HEATON Tackle

STIBITZ Center

FRICK Tackle



HOWELL
End
All-Conference
All-State 1st Team

McLEAN
End
All-Conference
All-State 3rd Team

DE POY Hal/buck

BOLLENBACH
Guard
All-Conference
All-State Honorable Mention

## STALWARDS



NORRIS Tackle

WANSTEN Center

ELLIOTT Guard

BEAM Guard

## FEAST AND FUN



"BO" McMILLIN



Dr. R. V. August

The Muskegon Heights High school football squad wishes at this time to express their deepest appreciation and thanks to the Muskegon Heights Progressive Businessmen for inviting the boys to hear Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin, outstanding coach of the University of Indiana.

The boys also wish to thank the Elks lodge, the High School Athletic association, and Mr. James (Jim) Coscarelli for their excellent banquets and kind thoughtfulness in all our endeavors.



Beth

Hibbord

Keglovits

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Erickson

Radke

Bassett

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## MEN BEHIND THE SCENES







Mr. Kruizenga and Mr. Gillaspy, our faculty athletic association managers, handled the tickets (a whale of a job) and all affairs on the field. In addition, Mr. Gillaspy, assisted by Mr. J. V. Cobb, "gave out" with the public address information.

"Behind the scenes" these three men did much to bring about a successful 1946 season.

"Doc" August cared for our injured players, kept the rest in good shape, was a loyal fan, and contributed his medical fees to a scholarship fund.

In this picture Captain Everett Grande ius 96. Tiger fullback is shown covering through the swamp of Hackley field for a sizentie gain in the second quarter of the historic game with the Big Reus DeFoy 13 halback is reading interference. Muskegon players are unidentified,





Top Row Vanderwes Flot Obbons Dean Hoppus Bah Hinter Scholens Atits Project Richter Rowe
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McKenzie.

Second Row Lane, Venne, Zorn, Schmidt, Bramble, Howell, Jurkas, N. deau, Johnson, Harlman, Verduin Bottom Row—Walters, Seegar, Mason, Burley, Pickell, Miller Ferris, Ostradick

## SEĀSON'S SCORES

Opponents	Tigers	Grand Haven	0 33
Holland	6 — 6	Benton Harbor	6 26
Holland	0 —— 12	Grand Haven	6 —— 26
G. R. Union	7 —— 24	Muskegon	6 20

This year our Tiger Seconds completed one of their most successful seasons in recent years, winning the Southwestern Conference crown.

Under the watchful eye of Coach David R. McKenzie and Assistant Coach Larry Schaude, the Little Tigers were able to win seven games and tie one. Of course, with such material as Frank Howell and Captain George Jurkas in the backfield, and outstanding linemen like John Nedeau, Jack

Venne, and Bob Johnson, the coaching staff did not have to look far for boys around which to build their team.

Kalamazoo ...... 19 —

The Tigers were held to a tie in their first game, but held the upper hand for the remainder of the season. The only major injury that occurred was a broken wrist received by Gerald Jacobson in practice session one afternoon.

Congratulations, fellows, on such a fine season.



The photograph here shown depicts an exciting momen in the Muske jon Muskegon Heights Reserve game played at Philips field Jack Venne guard and Vic Lane tackle are shown having down a Muskle runner. Mike Strach 2.7 and Chet Tchozewski 10 are apparently up in the air about the whole thing 'Frank Howel, star halfback is reclining

HOLLAND—The Tiger Reserves were held to a 6-all tie. Holland passed the Tigers dizzy, but Howell's 70-yard run deadlocked the Woodenshoes.

HOLLAND—In a return game, the improved Bengal Seconds shut out the Holland Reserves 12 to 0. A fine running and passing attack was displayed.

UNION—Coach D. R. McKenzie's Little Tigers romped to a 24 to 7 victory over a big, rugged Union team. Capt. Jurkas scored all four tallies, and Frank Howell aided with an aerial attack that amazed, completing every one of his passes.

KALAMAZOO—The Orange and Black clad Little Tigers traveled to Kazoo to engage in their most thrilling game of the season, winning 20 to 19. Jack Venne, standout Tiger guard, blocked the conversion that would have tied the game.

GRAND HAVEN—The Bengal steam roller ran wild on Phillips Field flattening a rugged Buc eleven 33 to 0.

The Tiger offense clicked with perfect precision, the defense showing much improvement.

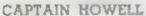
BENTON HARBOR—Coach D. R. Mc-Kenzie's vicious Tiger Cubs tore the Benton Harbor reserves to shreds, defeating them 26 to 6. Three tallies were registered in the first eight minutes, after which Reserve Cubs played much of the game.

GRAND HAVEN—The inspired Tigers trimmed the Havenites 26 to 6 in a return engagement played on Green Hill field. The only Buc score came late in the fourth period against second and third string players.

MUSKEGON—Bringing down the curtain on one of its most successful seasons in recent years, the Tiger Seconds walloped the Muskies 20-6. The Bengals were led by Frank Howell, speedy colored halfback who scored all the tallies on long runs. The vicious charges of the Tiger line and brilliant play of the backfield was too much for the Muskies to withstand.

## VARSITY BASKETBALL 1946-47







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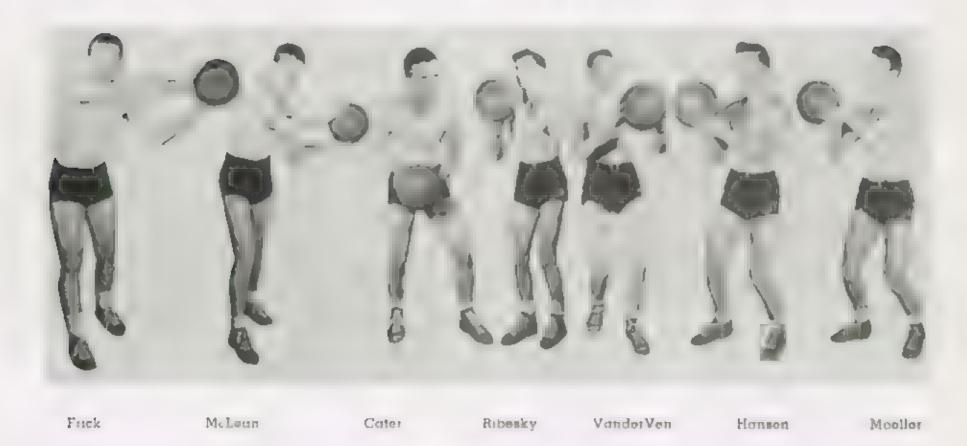
The usual high stepping, aggressive Tiger cagers suffered a rather mediocre season this year, accumulating five victories while absorbing 10 defeats.

Due to lack of height, loss of Paul Anderegg, star guard injured in football, and the loss of Everett Grandelius, a mid-year graduate, the Orange and Black were unable to hit their stride. Each game was fought hard and clean, and the Tigers won the respect of every opponent they met, including Grand Rapids South, City Champions, who edged the Tigers by only two points, 26 to 24, in the Regionals.

Top Row Coach Johnson Laban McDowell Lyons Vanderven Docker T Johnson Caughey C articipht Middle Row-Hansen, McLean, Cater, Howell, Moeller, Frick, Ribesky Bottom Row-Crevier, Carslake, Bleich, Elliott.

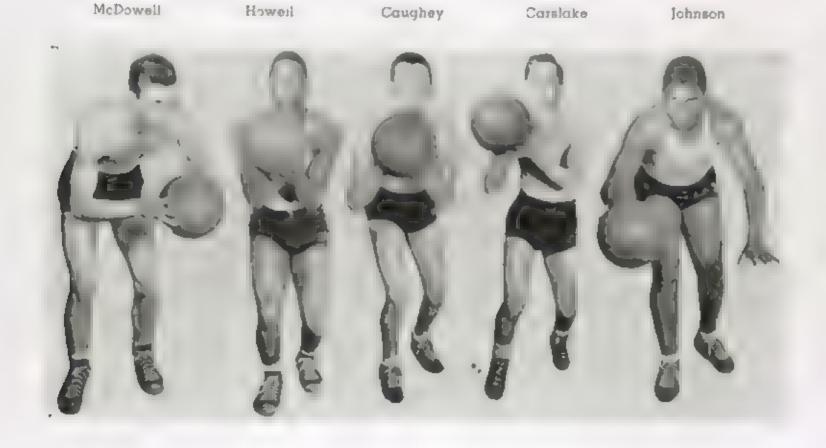


# VARSITY BASKETBALL 1946-47



# SEASON'S SCORES

32	Opponents Manistee	19	30 39	Benton Harbor Grand Haven	24 25
38	Grand Haven	21	40	Kalamazoo	41
20	Kalamazoo	42	32	Muskegon	36
27	Flint Northern	46	44	Holland	59
37	G. R. Central	35	31	Benton Harbor	39
35	Midland	47	33	G. R. Central	35
17	Muskegon	37		Regional	
26	Holland	37	24	Grand Rapids South	26



#### RESERVE BASKETBALL

The Little Tigers, under the capable leadership and direction of Coach Larry Schaude, came forth this past season with a highly successful record of eight wins to four defeats in Southwestern Conference competition and Grand Rapids Central opposition.

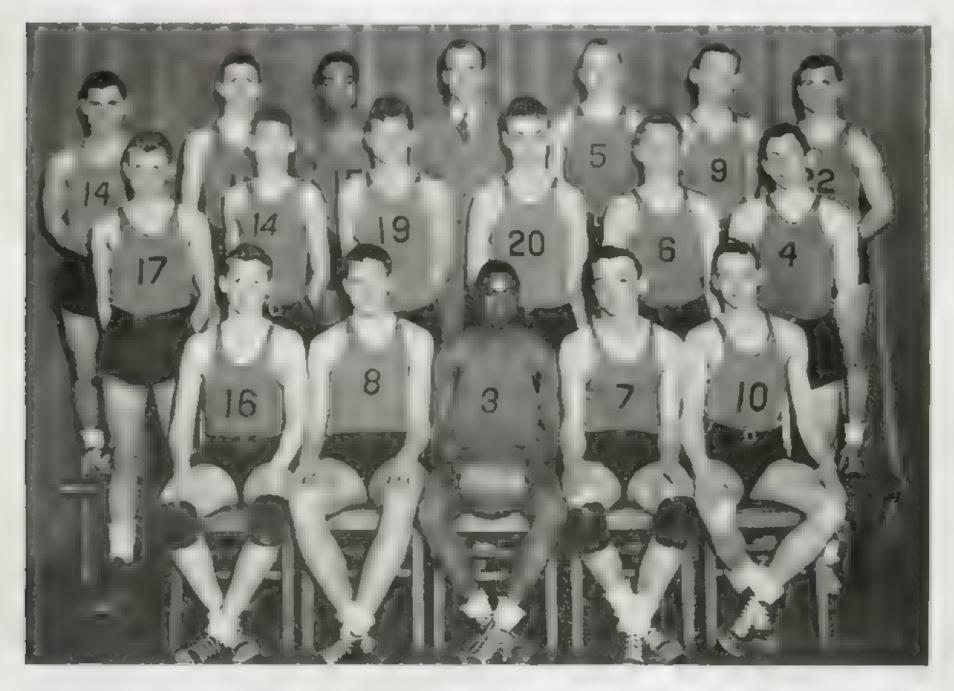
Paced by Captain Frank Howell, the Reserves, though reputedly the "underdog" on many occasions, gave out with the "do or die" spirit. Because of this fine showing of determination and fight, the Tigers gained much in experience and reputation which may benefit them greatly in the years to come.

benefit them greatly in the years to come.

Bes des Howell, Jurkas, Nedeau, Bob Johnson, Zorn, G. and D. Jacobsons, Sietsema, Bramble, and Hunter formed the backbone of the team. They all showed definite improvement as the season went along.

#### Secson's Scores

Little Tigers		Opponents
	Grand Haven	39
39	Kalamazoo	OF I
27	Muskegon	18
27	Holland	29
34	Benton Harbor	29
34	Grand Haven	32
35	Kalamazoo	11
38	Muskegon	39
49	Holland	
50	G. R. Central	1318



Top Row—Venne, Bredin, Gibbons, Coach Schaude, G. Jacobson, Bell, Bernard. Middle Row—D. Jacobson, Tuttle, Bolema, Sietsema, Hunter, Hartman Bottom Row—Bramble, Nedeau, Howell, Jurkas, Zorn.

### BASEBALL 1947

1947

The return of five lettermen from the aggregation should do much to strengthen the hopes of a successful baseball season under the leadership of Coach Oscar E. Johnson.

The p.tching staff is headed by veterans Fred Moeller, Neil Frick, and Alan Kushner, all with much experience behind them. It was rumored there were other younger pitchers on the way up when this section of the annual was being printed. These three boys, all good ball players, were available for other positions on the field if needed. Alvia Cater and Ray McLean, both veterans, round out the returning five.

At the time this was printed, new prospects were working out. It was hard to judge abilities of players so early in the season but it appears as though 1947 would be successful.

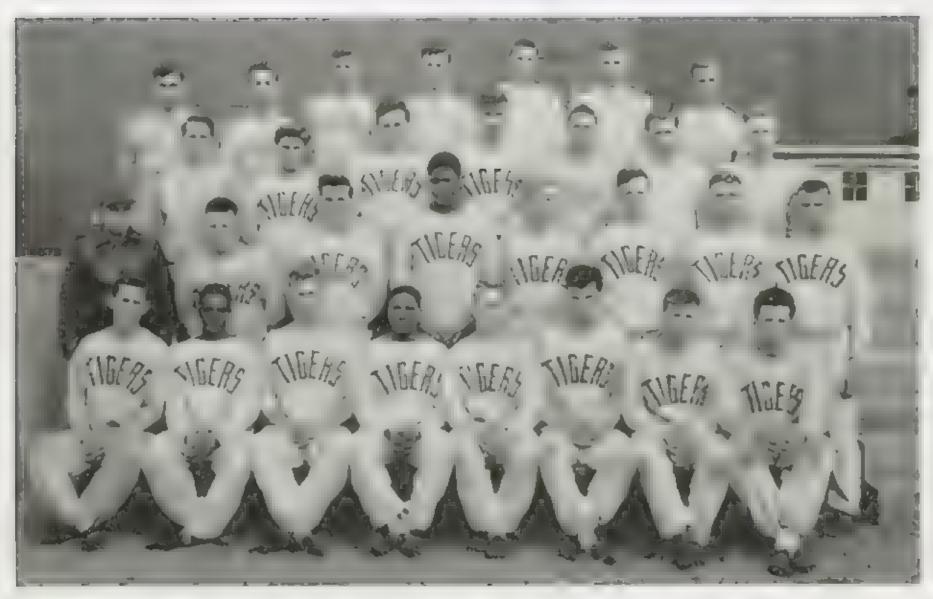
1946

Tigers		Visitors
5	Ravenna	0
2	Grand Haven	2
9	Newaygo	4
9	North Muskegon	2
0	Muskegon .	4
8	Holland	7
1	Grand Haven	0
8	Ravenna	4
1	Benton Harbor	2
3	Holland .	1
2	Muskegon	3
2	Kalamazoo .	. 1



Back Row Cooper Hillstead Martin Eller Wallstead Helmin Ghezz. Townsend Strach McCarthy
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Bush, Plichta, Beam
Front Row F Howell Holmes Moeller Kushner Cater Frack McLean, Anderegg Breich Plichta Liefer Glomb

### TRACK AND FIELD



Top Row-Venne, Catradick, Gay, Rostar, Emerson, Opalek, Bodnar Third Row Rewald, Stration, Malone, Lyons, Sekeres, Alfultis, Dean Second Row Coach McKenzis, Stibits, Schmidt, Johnson, Coot, Walters, Zorn, Bernard, Front Row-Carelake, McGahee, Mitchell, Ivory, Borgman, Gonicke, Stibits, Martin

1946

A small but fast squad of Orange and Black trackmen turned in some excellent times and distances in 1946, but because of its size could not p'ace enough members for each event. The result was that the team captured only one team victory, that being over a strong Fremont squad by a score of 59 to 45. After that the Tigers absorbed defeats from Allegan, Holland, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon. It was always the superior number who won, though the Tigers gave them all a tough battle.

Bob Werner, whose specialty was the 440, was an important cog; with Rogers, in the half-mile; DePoy and McGahee, in the dashes; and Goericke, in the mile, forming the nucleus of the team.

1947

Owing to the fact that the publication of this year's annual necessitated an early deadline, we are unable to present the results of this season's meets.

However, as we write this, a squad of about 40 boys have turned out for practice, with four lettermen returning from last year's team. Bill McGahee, dash man who competed in the State meet; Goericke, miler; Stibitz, shotputter; Ribesky, half-miler; Bob Martin, hurdler; and a newcomer, Tom Johnson, "utility" power, formed the squad.

Coach Dave McKenzie was expecting much from certain sophs, and here's hoping that a victorious season will have been experienced by the time the fighting Tiger thinclads, as well as we editors on The Oaks, lay down our work for the year.

### TENNIS TEAM



Top Row Coach Dath berg Johnson Sturges Courtright Cauchey Bredin Knopt Proctor, Nordstrom Front Row McDowell, Sholtens, Graff, Volaw, Erickson, Hansen, Nedeau, Wiganusky.

### 1946

The T ger tennis team, though loaded with ability, lacked the necessary competitive experience and fared rather badly, with two wins and five defeats. Miles Runk was the coach.

At Grand Haven, the Tigers succumbed to a 4—3 defeat with Votaw, in singles, and Johnson and Hansen, doubles, capturing honors. The Tigers outplayed Holland to win 4—3; then came defeats by Kazoo, 7—0, and Benton Harbor, 5—2. The Tigers beat Grand Haven, 4—3, and lost to Holland 6—1.

In the Regionals the Tigers lost the first day. Leading players were: singles, (1) Votaw, (2 Beattie, (3) LeBoeuf, (4) Doll; doubles, (1) Johnson and Schmalzer, (2) Hansen and Graff, (3) Turrell and Caughey. A powerful and fairly well balanced tenns squad will hit the courts this year in an attempt to regain some of their lost prestige after a disastrous 1946 season.

Under the tutelage of a new coach, Ernest Dahlberg, who also was assistant football coach in 1946, the squad was expected to go a long way as this volume of The Oaks went to pleas. Led by Charles Votaw, a consistent winner for two years, and aided by Bob Graff, Bob Scholtens, Bill Turrell, Harold Hansen, and others, the team entered the Conference race with serious intentions of giving the league leaders a lot of good competition.

The majority of games scheduled were to be played away from home, a factor in lessening local interest in the game. Home games in any sport do much to create local enthusiasm.

### GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Girls enrolled in physical education classes under direction of Miss Maxine Cobb began the season with soccer, volleyball, and tumbling. Later, intramural basketball became the favorite.

A word of explanation here will help to describe the plan used this year, which was a little different from that used previously. Instead of having mixed teams, each team was composed solely of students of one classification—Seniors, Juniors, or Sophomores. About 60 or 65 girls came out for the teams, making it one of the largest intramural basketball classes Miss Cobb has ever directed. The Seniors won the championship with a brilli-

ant record, capturing every game they played.

Members of the Senior Team were: Pat Gardner, Neoma Schultz, Pat Miles, Joyce Colburn, Pat Bilka, and Mary Ellen Dobb.

During the spring months (so-called because usually at this time of year the weather becomes warm and balmy!) ping-pong, bowling, baseball, tennis, and track became the daily for their proficiency. Letters are award-routine. Some of the girls whose pictures are shown here, won MH letters ed only to those who accumulate sufficient honor points, a most difficult task.

"MH" LETTERWINNERS

Back Row Turner, Greene, Mathews, L. Dobb, Widing, Richards, Essenberg, Emmons, Platte

Front Row Miles Bilka, M. Dobb, Kohlbeck Vanderlaan Grandelius Miss Maxine Cobb instructor and coach



### GIRLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION



### THE OAKS ANNUAL STAFF

EDITOR



Delores Bieich

ADVISER



Mr. Murray

Those working on The Acom, our school newspaper, prepare themselves for the greater task of editing and publishing the senior class yearbook. The Oaks, as well as learning a little about publishing from the practical angle, as well as out of a text-book. Stories must first be gathered, a process which develops tact, accuracy, poise, and alertness. Then they must be written in newspaper style, typewritten, set up in type, proof-read, and made up ready for printing in our own school print shop. Drawings and photographs must be sent to the engravers with instructions for reducing or engravers.

larging. The last step, the actual printing, is done under the direction of Mr. C. F. Koehn and the boys in the print shop. Mr. W. E. Murray is our Acorn editorial staff adviser. Mr. Cobb takes the pictures and Miss Keillor, art teacher, supervises drawings. Mr. Peterman and Mr. Bolt are business advisers.

It is work, but is so enjoyable and so satisfying to those who do the work, that it becomes a facinating subject for study. Each year, we hope, the little Acorns will continue to grow into bigger and better Oaks.



Back Row Mr. J. V. Cobb, Langlois, F. Ruud, Mr. W. E. Murray Moeller, Timmer, Nelson, Mr. C. F. Koehn, I. Ruud. Front Row Mr. C. F. Bolt, Langius, Norns, Frick, Kushner Bechtel, Mr. R. A. Peterman, Borgman.

### SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

The school newspaper, The Acorn; The Heights Record, The Muskegon Chronicle, and Radio WKBZ have provided an opportunity for interesting writing and acted as a stimulus to better work throughout the year. They have helped develop in the journalism students the qualities of co-operation, tact, accuracy, tolerance, responsibility, and initiative.

The students in the Journalism classes were assigned certain "beats" to cover. The finished stories were turned in to one of the editors, who edited them and had them typed. They were then published, or given to the girls to broadcast over WKBZ each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00. These girls were Joanne Kolbeck, Ruth Ann Strand, Jeanne Booker, and Joan McConneil.

We hope that these means of publishing the school news have helped promote co-operation between parents and the school, and increase school spirit.





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### ADVERTISING STAFF



Standing-Humphrics, Hudson, Cato, Schamber, Moeller, Borgman, Norris, Leigh, Looyengoed, G. Wood, Dobb, Bilka.
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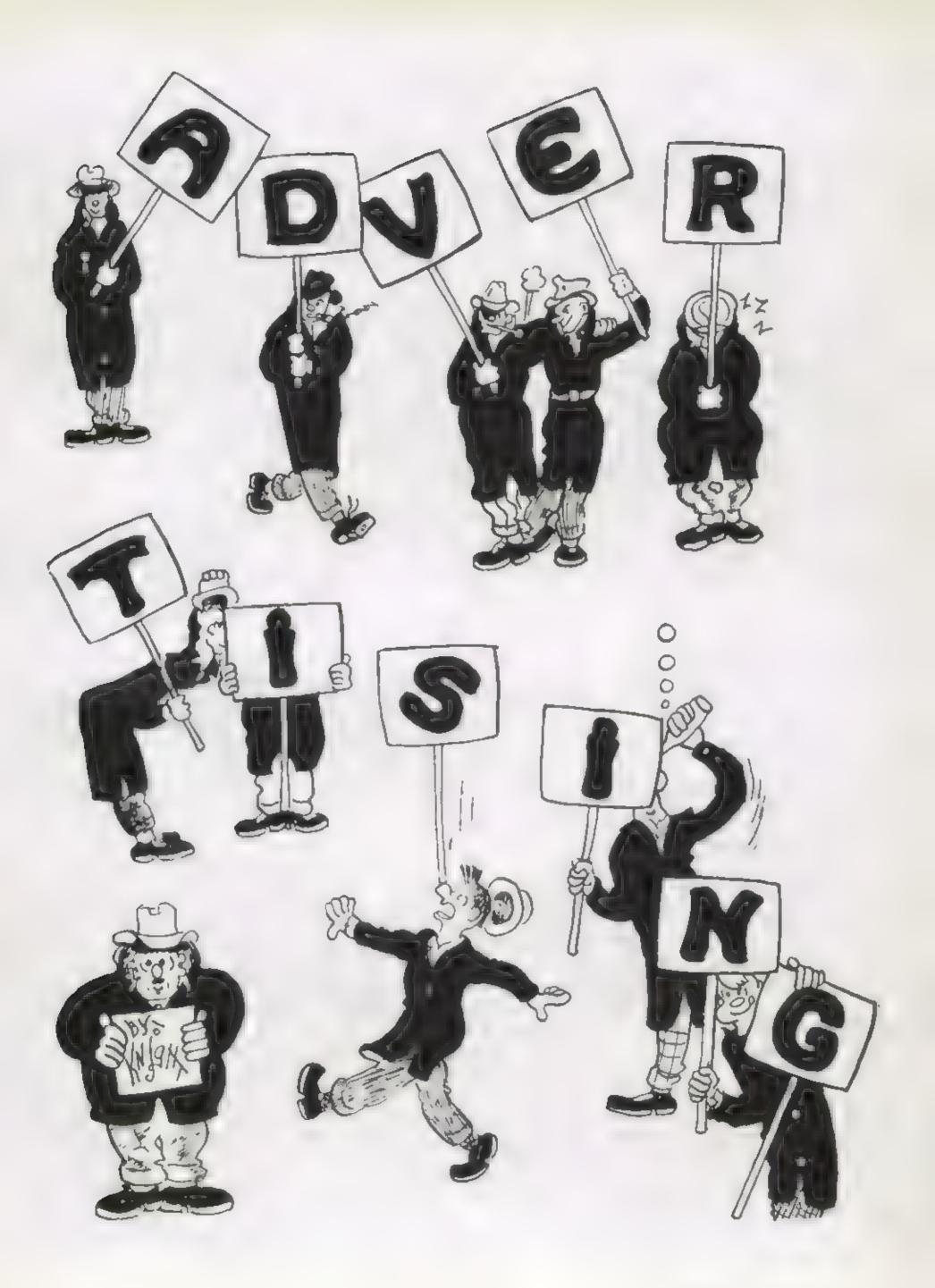


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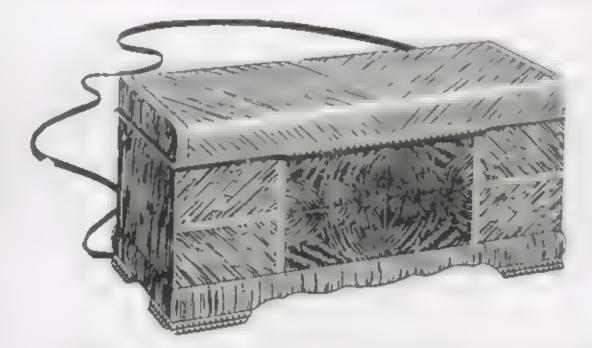
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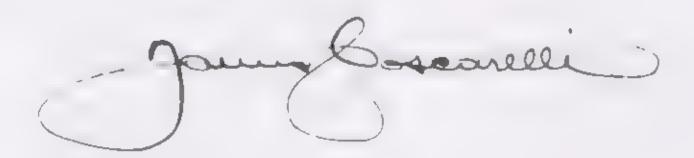
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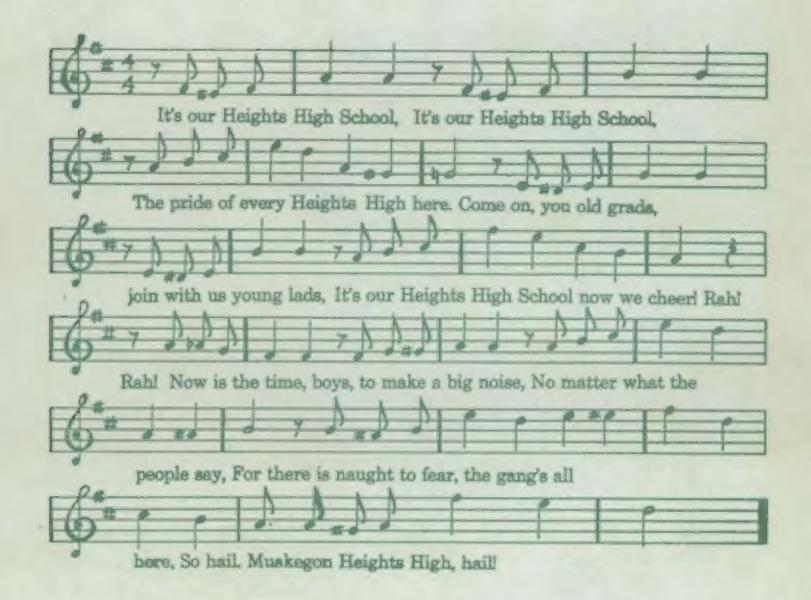
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